Vera was born May 30, 1928 to Glen and Bessie (Stevens) Jackson, the oldest of their children. She was born at her grandparents home, Val and Nora Stevens, five miles north of Halliday. Vera started school in Halliday at age 6. The bus was pulled with horses at that time and she left home when it was dark and got home in the dark. She attended school until the eleventh grade. Vera moved to Bismarck in the summer. Her first job was at the pantry in St. Alexius Hospital, getting patients trays ready. She then worked at the Capital for a short time, working at the lunch counter. Vera was then employed at Woolworth's. She worked at the lunch counter, becoming the manager of the Woolworth's lunch counter from 1958-1964. Vera married Maynard Dahlen and they moved back to Halliday. She had one son, Martin Dahlen. After Maynard's passing in 1972, Vera stayed on the farm and later retired when her son was old enough to take over. She was an awesome cook and was always trying new recipes. She remained at the farm until October 2021, when complications due to Covid had her move to Hill Top Home of Comfort in Killdeer. She enjoyed spending time with her granddaughter, visits from Jace Megan's dog, gardening, cooking, game shows, bingo and strawberry shakes from DQ. Vera did some traveling this past summer with Hill Top Home of Comfort, taking trips to 4 Bears Casino, the Medora Musical and to Medora for ice cream. Vera was so happy to be able to attend her granddaughter's wedding in September. She loved her family dearly and always made every holiday special. Vera was so loved by her family and friends. She will be missed by many and is forever in our hearts. Vera is survived by her son, Martin (Julie) Dahlen of Halliday; granddaughter, Megan (Bryce) Smith of Dickinson; great-granddaughter, Ezerie Smith of Dickinson; sister, Hazel Geffere of Tuscon, AZ; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Maynard Dahlen; brother, Glen Jackson Jr.; infant sister; parents, Glen and Bessie Jackson; brother-inlaw, Pius Geffere; and many aunts and uncles.



