

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
VERNA CARLSON
JULY 18, 1929 - MAY 24, 2024

Celebration of Life

11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 1, 2024
Tompkins Funeral Home
Wadena, SK

Officiating
Murray Proznick

Urn Bearer
Sharon Churko

Special Tribute & Poem
Dana Vollmin

Eulogist
Owen Carlson

Special Music
We Have a Friend in Jesus
Where the Roses Never Fade
Garden of Prayer

Interment
Invermay Cemetery
Invermay, SK

ANNOUNCEMENT

Please join the family for a time of fellowship and refreshments
immediately following the service

Verna Carlson passed away peacefully at the age of 94 on May 24, 2024, at the Hospice at Glengarda in Saskatoon, SK. Verna was born on her parents' farm north of Invermay on July 18, 1929. She is predeceased by her husband of 53 years, Gustav, a daughter at birth, grandchildren Darren, Marcianna, Cory, and Kelly, son-in-law Nestor, parents James and Bertha Smith, and siblings Jean, Dorothy, Edith, Arthur, Vera, Donald, and Earl. She is survived by her children Judy (son Jason), Calvin (Darlene), Owen (Raelene), and Sharon (Eugene), as well as 7 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

During her childhood years, Verna attended Loch Sloy School north of Invermay. World War II altered the lives of many girls and young women of her era, as they left school earlier to support the war effort, working at jobs normally done by men in peacetime. Verna worked at various jobs close to and on the family farm. In her later teens, she worked as a nurse's aide at Wadena Hospital.

In October 1948, she married Gustav Carlson. They began farming at that time and started a family. Due to very wet years in the early '50s that resulted in several crop failures, they were forced to seek another livelihood. Gus and Verna, with their two young children, moved to Ontario, where Gustav worked for General Motors in Oshawa. They returned to resume farming in the spring of 1958. Verna raised four children, grew large gardens, and did mixed farm chores. They sold the last of their cattle and retired in 1980.

Gustav passed away in 2001, and Verna remained in their home in Invermay. She enjoyed tending her garden and flower beds and making daily trips to coffee row. In 2013, at the age of 84, she moved to Saskatoon to be closer to family for the remainder of her life.



Love Never Disappears

I have gone on a journey we all must take
and each must go alone.

It's all part of the "Master's" plan,
a step on the road to home.

Somewhere a journey begins
at the end of the worldly existence we know.
Somewhere a path stretches over the stars
and a river of memories flows.

Somewhere a silence is heard far away
and brightness of day fills the night,
where the trials of life are dissolved into peace,
where the soul finds its way to the light.

With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand,
she has wandered into an unknown land
and left us dreaming how very fair it must be
since she will linger there.

I now must leave for a little while;
I have just returned to a room next door.
I will wait on the other side.

Please do not grieve and shed many tears.
Remember the good times we had through the years,
and the love you shared with me.
God wanted me now – He set me free.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Our family thanks you all for your love & kindness during this sad time.
Your thoughtfulness is appreciated and will always be remembered ♥

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