

*God's finger touched her  
and she slipped away  
From earth's dark shadows  
to a brighter day;  
God saw the road was getting rough,  
The hills were hard to climb;  
He gently closed her weary eyes,  
And whispered, "Peace be thine."  
To a beautiful garden  
this friend has gone,  
To a land of perfect rest;  
Though she is gone she still lives on  
In the garden of memory.*





Wesselina Van Berkum was born December 14, 1927 in Rock Rapids, Iowa, the daughter of Jacob and Hendrikje (Eenkhorn) Van Hattem. She married Wallace Van Berkum on April 22, 1949. The couple

lived in Rock Valley, Iowa, Luverne, Minnesota, and Windom, Minnesota during their married life. Wally died January 24, 1995. Wesselina died Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at Whispering Heights in Rock Valley at the age of 94.

She is survived by her son, Dennis and wife Jennifer Van Berkum of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; daughter, Mary Koldenhoven of Rock Valley; special friend, Alfred Dirks of George, Iowa; 9 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and 22 great-great-grandchildren.

Wesselina was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Wally; son-in-law, Ron Koldenhoven; great-grandson, Justin Bousema; 2 sisters; and 2 brothers.

*In Loving Memory Of*  
***Wesselina Van Berkum***

December 14, 1927 † September 27, 2022

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 1, 2022  
Porter Funeral Home  
Rock Valley, Iowa

**OFFICIATING**

Pastor Jim Sweers

**ORGANIST**

Dorothy Smith

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

*"Whispering Hope"*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"My Mother, My Teacher, My Friend"*  
Recorded by Owen Mac

**PALLBEARERS**

Annie Hiller ~ Jennifer De Jong ~ Jessica Van Berkum  
Emily Holmquist ~ Andy Van Berkum  
Rick Koldenhoven ~ Sheri Bousema  
Jeff Koldenhoven ~ Kristi Van Kekerix

**INTERMENT**

Valley View Cemetery  
Rock Valley, Iowa

*Please join Wesselina's family for a time of refreshment and fellowship at the funeral home following the committal service.*