

ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN

Most of what I really need
To know about how to live
And what to do and how to be
I learned in kindergarten.
Wisdom was not at the top
Of the graduate-school mountain,
But there in the sandpile at Sunday School.
These are the things I learned:
Share everything.
Play fair.
Don't hit people.
Put things back where you found them.
Clean up your own mess.
Don't take things that aren't yours.
Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
Wash your hands before you eat.
Flush.
Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
Live a balanced life –
Learn some and think some
And draw and paint and sing and dance
And play and work every day some.
Take a nap every afternoon.
When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic,
hold hands, and stick together.
Be aware of wonder.
By Robert Fulghum

Celebrating The Life Of Vi Iverson



I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

Philippians 4:11-12

Violet (Vi) Iverson was born February 26, 1922, on a farm near Wisner, Nebraska. Her parents were Alfred and Lucy (McCauley) Jones. She was the youngest of their 6 children.

Vi attended a rural school and was graduated from Wisner High in 1939. After graduation she taught for several years in country schools. Later, she attended the University of Nebraska and graduated with distinction from the University in 1947. While attending university, Vi married Elwood (Whitey) on August 8, 1945, in Lincoln, just as WWII was ending.

Whitey and Vi moved to Hawarden in 1948. Vi became the kindergarten teacher (which she loved) and Elwood became the Ag teacher. For 32 years she taught her favorite grade. They were delighted when Lynn, their daughter, was born in 1954. While teaching, Vi obtained her Master's Degree from the University of South Dakota.

Whitey and Vi retired from teaching in 1984 and enjoyed traveling in Europe, Australia, and parts of the United States.

Vi became active in volunteer work after her retirement. She volunteered at the Thrift Shop for 27 years, served on the Hospital Auxiliary Board, Library Board, and was a resident advocate at Hillcrest for 20 years. In 2010, she was named Hawarden's Citizen of the Year. Vi was also active in P.E.O., Mutual Improvement Club, United Methodist Women, and the Methodist Church. She was a Happy Hugger in the Clown Ministry of the Methodist Church for several years.

Vi loved ballroom dancing and enjoyed the Big Band Era. (Her older sister taught her to dance when she was 6 years old.) She was also an avid reader and a strong believer in exercise! Her life motto was "Treat others the way you like to be treated."

Vi passed away on Monday, January 10, 2022 at her residence, with her family by her side. She was 99 years old.

Survivors include her daughter, Lynn, son-in-law, Rick Pittard, grandson, Kris Pittard, two nieces and two nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Elwood (after a marriage of 69 years), her parents, and five siblings: Mary Bolton, Lucy Pemberton, Margaret Thorman, Nettie Glaubius, and George Jones.

In Loving Memory Of Vi Iverson

February 26, 1922 † January 10, 2022



MEMORIAL SERVICE

11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 14, 2022

United Methodist Church
Hawarden, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. Barb Joy

ORGANIST

Julie Hummel

SOLOIST

Teresa Huenink

"One Day At A Time"

"On Eagle's Wings"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"How Great Thou Art"

"Hymn Of Promise"

*Please join Vi's family for lunch and fellowship
in the church fellowship hall following the memorial service.*