

Geraldine M. Vavrosky, 86, Detroit Lakes, MN, passed away peacefully into the arms of our Lord on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 in Oak Crossing in Detroit Lakes.



Geraldine Mae Vavrosky, known as Gerry, was born August 4, 1931 in Shelley, MN to Sander and Lillian (Hanson) Bagne. She was raised on a farm near Gary, MN and is a 1948 graduate of Fertile High School. Gerry began playing the organ in Norman Lutheran Church at the age of 16. She moved to the Twin Cities where she attended Fairview Hospital School of Nursing. She was united in marriage to Chuck Troland, July 13, 1950 in Thief River Falls, MN. In 1958, they moved to Moorhead where she worked as a receptionist at Warner and Company, then managed the Hi-10 Steak House 1970 – 1976 and was the Medical Records Supervisor at Dakota Clinic in Fargo 1976

– 1993. Chuck died in 1969. Gerry was united in marriage to Tim Vavrosky, February 14, 1981 at her daughter's house in Blaine, MN. While in Moorhead, Gerry was very active in the Mrs. Jaycees having served as the Minnesota State President. She was also an avid Moorhead Spuds parent and fan, attending every football and basketball games, both home and away.

Gerry and Tim moved to the family lake home on Lake Eunice in rural Detroit Lakes in 1999 where Gerry loved lake life including riding on the pontoon, sunning, playing golf, and little road trips. She also enjoyed cheering for the Minnesota Gophers and attended many Minnesota football and basketball games right up to last year. Her hobbies included working in her flower garden, reading, crossword puzzles, and meeting friends at Happy Hour at Randy's on Lake Eunice.

Gerry will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She enjoyed life to the fullest despite her health issues in the last 3 years. She most enjoyed spending time with her friends and family of whom she never ceased to amaze with her kindness and compassion for others.

Survivors include her children: Greg (Kris) Troland of Fargo, ND, Lark (Howard) Lomsdal of Frazee, MN, Bruce Troland of Detroit Lakes, three grandchildren: Dustin (Jennifer) Scott, Lindsey (Andy) Groettum and Katie (Mark) Williams, five great grandchildren; three step children: Mike Vavrosky of Grand Forks, ND, Becky Vavrosky of Anacortes, WA, Steven (Joanne) Vavrosky of North Mankato, MN.; five step grandchildren; two step great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Chuck and Tim; a grandson, Ryan Scott and a sister, Lucille Morgan.



Geraldine Mae Vavrosky

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

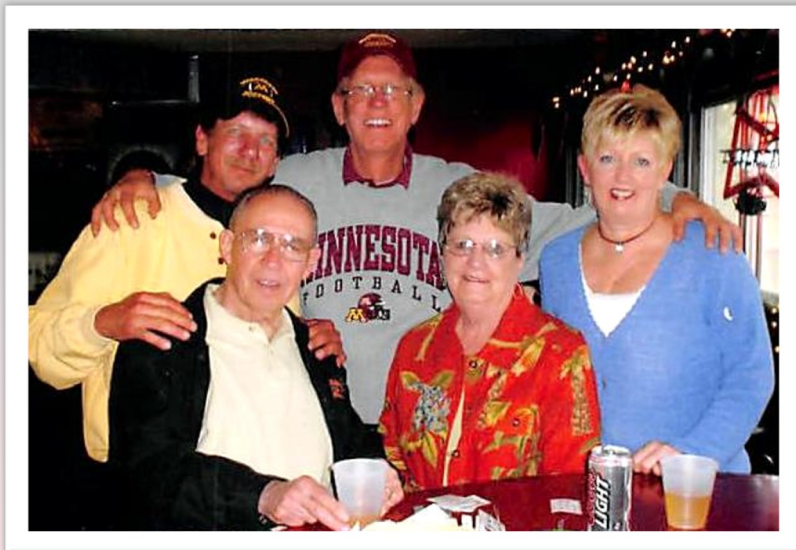
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times,

A loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your hearts and share with me.
God wanted me now: He set me free



In Loving Memory
Geraldine Mae Vavrosky

August 4, 1931 ~ May 1, 2018



Mass of Christian Burial

Saturday - May 5, 2018 - 1:00 PM

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church

Rural Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Father Bob LaPlante, **Celebrant**

Readers

Lindsey Groettum and Dustin Scott

Music

Sister Patrice Eblen, **Organist**

"Let There Be Peace On Earth" and "Here I Am Lord"

Coley Nelson, **Soloist**

"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

Recorded Selection -- "You Raise Me Up"

Urn Bearer

Ken Magnuson

Honorary Urn Bearers

Dennis Linstaedt, Dennis Kovash, Mike Hagen, Randy Jensen

Mark Jensen, Kevin Jensen, Mike Eilertson and Otis Hesteness

Interment

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Cemetery

Rural Detroit Lakes, Minnesota