

In Loving Memory

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow
starts without me,
please try to understand,
that an angel came
and called my name,
and took me by the hand;

The angel said
my place was ready,
In Heaven far above,
And that I'd have
to leave behind
all those I dearly love.

But when I walked
through Heaven's Gates,
I felt so much at home,
for God looked down,
smiled at me,
and told me "Welcome Home."

So when tomorrow
starts without me,
don't think we're far apart,
for every time
you think of me,
I'm right there in your heart.



Verna Ann Jerke

December 7, 1929 ~ March 1, 2023

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1929 ~ 2023

Prayer Service

7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 6, 2023

St. John's Lutheran Church

Tyndall, South Dakota

Our Redeemer Lives (hymn)

Funeral

10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

St. John's Lutheran Church

Tyndall, South Dakota

Clergy

Pastor Dean Schroeder

Music

Melissa Bruna ~ accompanist

The Lamb

When Peace, Like a River (duet)

Mike & Patrice Jerke

The Lord's Prayer (solo)

Chad Peterson

How Great Thou Art

Pallbearers

Derrick Jerke, TJ Jerke, Kyle Jerke,

Chris Jerke, Nick Jerke & Michaela Jerke

Honorary Pallbearers

Sarah Brockel, Rachel Jerke, Jessica Murray, Arin Gonseth,

David Knudtson, Molly Zantene & John Henry Knudtson

Interment

ZCJB Cemetery

Wagner, South Dakota

Verna Ann (Gibson) Jerke was born December 7, 1929 to Ernest and Jannatta (Uken) Gibson in the Geddes Hospital, Geddes, SD. Verna was baptized in the Methodist Church in Wagner, SD. She taught Sunday School and Bible School, while she was growing up. She loved the Lord, for His love for her. Verna attended rural school south of Wagner, SD until moving with her family south of Avon in 1943. There she attended Avon High School, graduating in 1949. Verna was crowned homecoming queen of 1949. She attended Wessington Springs College and graduated in Miltonvale Kansas College in 1952. She taught at Rouse Country School in Charles Mix County beginning in 1952, plus several other country schools in Charles Mix and Bon Homme County.

Verna married Glen Jerke June 16, 1953 in Avon. They were blessed with four sons, Arlan, Douglas, Daniel and Michael. Following her teaching career, Verna worked for the Avon Leather Factory, Tyndall Good Samaritan Center and R.O.C.S. senior meals for 20 years, retiring at the age of 80. Verna enjoyed puzzles, word searches and cats.

Verna passed away Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls at the age of 93.

Verna is survived by her husband of 69 years, Glen; sons, Douglas (Theresa), Daniel (Lisa) and Michael (Patrice); daughter-in-law, Carol Jerke; grandchildren, Derrick (Beth Ann), TJ (Megan), Kyle (Kaitlyn), Christopher, Sarah, Nicholas, Rachel, Michaela, Jessica (Nick), Arin (Nate), David (Sue), Molly (Matt) and John Henry; 9 great-grandchildren and brother, Gary (Linda) Gibson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Arlan; sisters, Wilma Olsen and Betty Grimme; brothers, Charles Gibson and Norman Gibson; brothers-in-law, Herb Olsen and Fred Grimme and sister-in-law, Shirley Gibson.