



**Orpha Hartmann**, 89, passed away at CHI St. Alexius on March 10th after a brief illness. She was born at home on February 26, 1932 to John and DeLily Rothfusz. She attended a country grade school and then had to live with family friends to attend Ashley High School. Part of her room and board was paid with her share of WWII ration stamps. After graduation she moved to Bismarck, working in the state health lab as a receptionist. Her dream was to become a nurse and she often spoke of dealing with different specimens from diphtheria to polio. She married Henry P. Hartmann (Hank) in 1957 and moved to the family farm near Hebron. She and Hank made many changes to their farm, foremost being the change to a grade A dairy farm. They were one of the first dairy pipelines in the nation and honored for their efforts in soil conservation many times. She and Hank had 3 children. Hank was killed in a farm accident in 1966 and she remained on the farm until 1993 when Curtis returned to ND with his family. Orpha returned to Bismarck for a few years then moved to Fargo in 1995. She had just moved back to Bismarck in January of this year to be closer to family. She returned to the work force in 1979, working first as a crop insurance adjuster and later moving into the role of auditor. Her love of the job and being respected for her skills meant a great deal to her and she continued working on an as needed basis until 2018. Orpha loved a good game of cards, a big garden, cooking and baking, as well as any social gathering; large or small, especially if they were family gatherings. In addition to daughter Susan (Wade) Elder, and sons Curtis (Erika) and Mark (Kay Lynn) Hartmann, she leaves 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. She also leaves special nephew Harold (Bonnie) Vastag and his family. In addition, she leaves two brothers, Calvin (Roseann) Rothfusz of Ashley and Oscar (Fern) Rothfusz of Georgetown, TX and many nieces and nephews. Orpha requests memorials to St. John's United Church of Christ or the charity of your choice.



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February 26, 1932 - March 10, 2021

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## Fond Memories of Orpha

Her laugh was remembered by many,  
as was her "million dollar smile."

Her stories of being a young newlywed and having to mother a  
bunch of teenage boys.

Fleischkeukle and peach fritters with lemon sauce.

She made me feel better just by talking to her.

She had more gusto than women much younger than she.

She was a strong, determined woman.

She was very independent.

Her love of being valued and respected in the Corp Management  
World – both as an adjustor and later as an auditor. She often  
talked (even giggled) about being a respected employee in a  
man's world and later when the "college educated youngsters"  
had to come to her for help reading the aerial field maps.

Her gift of gab. She could talk to anyone at any given moment.

You never went hungry at Grandma's. There was always a stockpile  
in the pantry or freezer.

I never saw her without make-up. Especially the red lipstick.

She was a wonderful cook. Grandma and I would talk about  
different soup variations for an hour.

She always made me feel welcome in her home. She was a  
wonderful cook and baker.

She could grow anything and took great pride in her garden.  
She was always so energetic – she was at every family reunion and  
gathering.

Her overwhelming generosity of self, time, and spirit knew no  
bounds.

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## **FUNERAL SERVICE:**

Monday, March 15, 2021 11:00 am CT  
St. John United Church of Christ  
Hebron, North Dakota

## **OFFICIATING:**

Pastor Gaylund Olson

## **MUSIC:**

Janice Olson

## **READERS:**

Harold Vastag    Curtis Hartmann  
Mark Hartmann

## **PALLBEARERS:**

Serenity Larson            Joshua Elder  
Eric Elder                    Shane Hartmann  
Candace Hartmann        Shania Hartmann  
Kylee Hartmann

## **INURNMENT:**

St. John Cemetery  
Hebron, North Dakota

## **ARRANGEMENTS:**

Stevenson Funeral Home  
Hebron, North Dakota

*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give  
you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am  
gentle and lowly in heart and you will find rest for your souls.  
For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*

*Matthew 11:28*