



Minerva Winerva (Hulstein) Vander Streek was born near Carmel, Iowa on November 4, 1930. She was a twin daughter of Conrad and Grace (Van Maanen) Hulstein. She was baptized at the Carmel Reformed Church and made profession of faith at the Middleburg Reformed Church.

Minerva attended school at Welcome #4 where there was a Hulstein in that school for 60 years. Later when she became a teacher, she taught there for 3 years. When Minerva was in the 4th grade, her family moved to a farm near Rock Rapids, Iowa, and later to a farm near Middleburg, Iowa. Minerva attended high school at Lester, Alford, and Sioux Center, Iowa. She attended Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa for one year. Minerva taught in three different country schools and the last three years of her teaching career she taught first and second grade at Sanborn Christian School in Sanborn, Iowa.

On June 27, 1958, Minerva was united in marriage to Gerrit John Vander Streek at her parents' home. They attended the Bethel Christian Reformed in Sioux Center. They farmed near Middleburg and in 1968 they moved to a farm southwest of Rock Rapids, Iowa that they purchased. In 1990 they sold their dairy herd and in August 1994 they moved into Rock Rapids. The family attended the Christian Reformed Church in Rock Rapids where Minerva taught Sunday School for 22 years and was involved in Bible studies.

Minerva enjoyed working outside with the lawnmowing and gardening and also helping Gerrit. On December 4, 1992, their eldest son, Gerrit Jr. was killed in a car/van accident at Walnut Grove, Minnesota.

On August 18, 2016, Minerva entered a nursing home in Rock Rapids. Gerrit died October 14, 2017, after 59 years of marriage. On January 13, 2021, Minerva moved to the Good Samaritan Society in George, Iowa. Minerva died Monday, June 17, 2024 at the Sanford Sheldon Medical Center in Sheldon, Iowa at the age of 93.

Those left to cherish her memory are her **five daughters: Gracia (John) Kuipers** of Platte, South Dakota and their children Wendell and Alicia, **Carla (Frank) Sheda** of Branson, Missouri, **Wilma (Timothy) Mulder** of Sioux Center, Iowa and their children, Brent, Mary, and Mark, **Connie (Kevin) Van Bruggen** of George, Iowa and her children, Brian, Brandon, Eric, and Kendra Timmerman, **Myra (Greg) Modder** of George, Iowa and their children, Scott, Dustin, and Brianna; **two sons: Willard (Loretta) Vander Streek** of Rock Rapids, Iowa and their sons, Jesse and Jordan, **Henry (Jayna) Vander Streek** of Rock Rapids, Iowa and their children, Cody Hoy, Krista, Travis, and Colton Vander Streek; daughter-in-law, Donna Vosberg of Revere, Minnesota and her daughter Dina; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by parents, Conrad and Grace; husband, Gerrit; son, Gerrit Jr.; 2 brothers; and 8 sisters.

Remembering the Life of Minerva Winerva Vander Streek

November 4, 1930 ~ June 17, 2024

MEMORIAL SERVICE

2:30 PM, Thursday, June 20, 2024

Rock Rapids Christian Reformed Church
Rock Rapids, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Rev. Douglas De Groot

ACCOMPANIST

Leora Van Middendorp

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Come to the Savior Now"

"When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

"When We All Get to Heaven"

"Victory in Jesus"

PALLBEARERS

Wendall Kuipers ~ Brian Timmerman

Brandon Timmerman ~ Dustin Modder

Jordan Vander Streek ~ Cody Hoy ~ Travis Vander Streek

MEMORIAL

Rock Rapids Christian Reformed Church Bell Tower Maintenance Fund

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery

Rock Valley, Iowa

Minerva's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall immediately following the memorial service.

Psalm 121

*I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.*

Psalm 121 held a special place in Minerva's heart as it was a passage she had to recite for a school program in the 4th grade and it stayed with her all these years.

