



Evelyn (Dierks) Vander Velde was born February 28, 1930, the daughter of Fred and Alvina (Tank) Dierks. She attended rural elementary school and graduated from Rock Valley High School in 1946. Evelyn attended Wartburg College in Waverly, IA for two years. She taught kindergarten in Churdan for one year, three years in Rock Rapids, followed by two years in Sioux City. She married Richard (Pudd) Vander Velde on June 27, 1954, at Peace Lutheran Church. All

their married lives they lived in Rock Valley. Later she attended Westmar College and received her BA in Education. She taught kindergarten in the Rock Valley Public School until she retired after teaching there for 27 years.

Evelyn was an active member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church participating in the women's organization, making quilts for Lutheran World Relief, teaching Sunday School, serving on the church council, and helping with the tape ministry for the Nursing Home. She was a member of the NEA, ISEA, and the Rock Valley Teachers' Association. She served on the library board for many years. She was a volunteer for Valley Manor, a hospital auxiliary member, and served as president when she was on the board.

Evelyn loved being around her family and liked watching any of their activities, including playing games with them. She enjoyed reading, her computer, playing cards, and baking cookies. Evelyn passed away Sunday, February 11, 2024, at Whispering Heights in Rock Valley at the age of 93.

She was preceded in death by her husband, sister, and parents. She is survived by her children Kristi (Jerry) Bult of Madison, SD; Nate (Sue) Vander Velde of Dalton, MN; and Todd (Karma) Vander Velde of Rock Valley, IA. Grandchildren Troy (Anna) Bult, Mark (Laura) Bult, Megan Bult, Shelly (Steve) Schirm, Brady Vander Velde, Jessica (Tyler) Glanzer, Lindsey (John) Hellinga, Samantha (Mike) Cliff and 15 great grandchildren.

*In Loving Memory*  
***Evelyn Alvina Vander Velde***  
*February 28, 1930 ~ February 11, 2024*

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

11:00 AM, Friday, February 16, 2024  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Rock Valley, Iowa

**OFFICIANT**

Pastor Edward Pease

**ORGANIST**

Julie Anderson

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

*"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*  
*"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*  
*"Lord of All Hopefulness"*

**HONORARY PALLBEARER**

Megan Bult

**PALLBEARERS**

Troy Bult ~ Mark Bult  
Brady Vander Velde ~ Shelly Schirm  
Lindsey Hellinga ~ Samantha Cliff ~ Jessica Glanzer

**INTERMENT**

Peace Lutheran Cemetery  
rural Sioux Center, Iowa

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

## All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten

Author: Robert Fulghum

1. Share everything.
2. Play fair.
3. Don't hit people.
4. Put things back where you found them.
5. CLEAN UP YOUR OWN MESS.
6. Don't take things that aren't yours.
7. Say you're SORRY when you HURT somebody.
8. Wash your hands before you eat.
9. Flush.
10. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
11. Live a balanced life - learn some and drink some and draw some and paint some and sing and dance and play and work everyday some.
12. Take a nap every afternoon.
13. When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.
14. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.
15. Goldfish and hamster and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup - they all die. So do we.
16. And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned - the biggest word of all - LOOK."



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