

Letting Go

The Angels gathered near your bed,
so very close to you,
For they knew the *pain and suffering*
that you were going through.

I thought about so many things,
as I held tightly to your hand.
Oh, HOW I WISHED that you were strong
and happy once again.

But your eyes were looking homeward,
to that place beyond the sky.
Where JESUS held His outstretched arms,
it was time *to say goodbye.*

I struggled with my SELFISH THOUGHTS,
for I wanted you to stay.
So we could walk and talk again,
like we did - just yesterday.

But JESUS KNEW THE ANSWER,
and I knew He loved you so.
So I gave to you life's greatest gift,

the gift of letting go.

Now my heart will carry MEMORIES
of the love you gave to me

Until we meet again in heaven,
where the best is yet to be.

I N L O V I N G *Memory*

Verna Fae Ward

July 3, 1940 † July 8, 2024

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, July 12, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM
Anderson Funeral Home Chapel
Alexandria, Minnesota

OFFICIANT

Pastor Amy VanValkenburg

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

“How Great Thou Art” - Elvis Presley
“Wings of A Dove” - Charlie Pride
“Amazing Grace” - Ann Murray
“Old Rugged Cross” - Tennessee Ernie Ford

PALLBEARERS

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| Devon Ward | Adam Ward |
| Kyle Kallstrom | David Fischer |
| Korey Kallstrom | Jeremy Kallstrom |

HONORARY PALLBEARER

Ryan Kallstrom

INTERMENT

Wilmot Cemetery
Wilmot, South Dakota

Verna Fae Ward, a kind and loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother, passed away on July 8, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of warmth and generosity. Born on July 3, 1940, in Sisseton, SD, she spent her life spreading love and joy to those around her.

Verna grew up on a farm in Roberts County near Lake Traverse. She graduated from Browns Valley, MN, and furthered her education by attending business college in Minneapolis. It was through a mutual friend that she met her beloved husband, Alden Ward, and on October 26, 1963, at the Methodist Church in Browns Valley, they embarked on a lifelong journey together. Two children, Eugene and Kyle, were born into their loving home. Together, they lived in Browns Valley, on a dairy farm near Sioux City, Iowa, Chaska, and Alexandria.

Throughout her life, Verna wore different hats - as a pastry chef in a restaurant, a dedicated day care provider, and a frame operator for 20 years at United Telephone. Her retirement in 2000 allowed her more time for her passions, such as gardening, crafts, painting, and spending time with family and her grandkids.

Verna's true gift was her ability to listen, offer advice, and show compassion to those in need. She had a caring and gentle demeanor that made everyone feel comforted in her presence. Her spirit touched the lives of many, leaving behind cherished memories and a profound impact on all those who knew her.

Verna is survived by her loving children, Eugene (Peggy) Ward of Pennock, and Kyle (Danita) Ward of Farwell; grandchildren, Devon (Ashley) Ward of Leaf Valley, and Adam Ward of Minot, ND; great grandchildren, Isabella Ward, Kaiden Ward, and Mateo Ward all of Leaf Valley; sisters, Genevieve Oest of Galesburg, IL, and Shirley (Jerry) Zacharias of Rapid City, SD; brother, Gerald (Tammy) Kallstrom of Breckinridge; sister-in-law, Barbara Kallstrom of Sisseton, SD; brother-in-law, Preston Fischer of Milbank, SD; nieces and nephews.

Verna was preceded in death by her husband Alden Ward, her parents, a brother Lyle Kallstrom and a sister Carol Fischer.

Arrangements by *Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory*, Alexandria, Minnesota

In Loving
M E M O R Y



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