

*Verna M. Kratzke, age 92, life-long Vergas, MN, area resident
passed away Friday, October 26, 2018, at Perham Living.*

Verna was born February 4, 1926 at home in Candor Township, born to William and Maline (Soland) Lachowitz. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Loon Lake. Verna grew up in rural Vergas where she attended Country School District 98 before graduating from Frazee High School.

On September 4, 1943 Verna was united in marriage to Clarence Kratzke at the military base in Leesville, Louisiana. To this union two sons were born: Jerry and Dave.

The couple bought a small dairy farm in Hobart Township near Rose Lake as she cared for the home and raised the children. The family made their home in Pelican Rapids from 1954 until 1966. The couple then purchased Verna's family farm where the couple has continued to reside.

Verna was known to “grandmother” people and enjoyed hunting, fishing, baking bread and talking with family and friends on the phone. Many fond memories were made fishing with Clarence. The family enjoyed fishing the area lakes both summer and winter. Duck hunting was also a family affair.

She is survived by 2 sons: Jerry (Nellie) and Dave (Robin) all of Vergas; 4 grandchildren: Cully of Shakopee, MN, Trevor of St. Cloud, MN, Shana of St. Paul, MN and Barry (Connie) of Silver Lake, MN; 2 great grandchildren: Katrina and Danetta of Felton, MN; sister: Marvel Beaman of Vergas; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding Verna in death her husband, Clarence in 2015; parents, William and Maline.



With Fondness We Remember





It's me; Your Special Angel,
I'm looking down from above.
Don't worry about me leaving,
I'm surrounded with all your love.
I've had my first look at Heaven,
It's a glorious wonderful place.
I'm here with the Saints and the Angels
In their gowns of pure white lace.

Heaven is so beautiful
But I want you to know,
That I will be with you always
Wherever you may go.
No matter if you are lonely,
Feeling sad, or feeling blue,
Just think of me as your Angel,
And I'll be there with you.

I'm sorry I had to leave so soon
I wish I could have stayed.
But I needed to follow Jesus
And the plan that God has made.
Your love was overwhelming
And I carry it with me still.
I hope you know that I love you all
And I always will.

In Loving Memory Of
Verna Minnie Kratzke
Age 92

Date of Birth
February 4, 1926
~
Candor Township
Minnesota



Date of Death
October 26, 2018
~
Perham
Minnesota

Funeral Service Held
Tuesday, October 30, 2018 - 11 a.m.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church ~ Loon Lake
Vergas, Minnesota

Officiant
Pastor Roger Lange

Accompanist
Kim Kratzke
"How Great Thou Art"
"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"
"Amazing Grace"

Casket bearers
Tyson Sonnenberg
Walt Kozitka
Bruce Soland
Sidney Soland
Michael Kratzke
Marvin Kratzke

Honorary Casket bearers
Cully Kratzke
Shana Kratzke
Trevor Kratzke
Barry Kratzke
Connie Kratzke

Interment
St. Paul's Lutheran ~ Loon Lake Cemetery
Vergas, Minnesota