

With a peaceful spirit and her faith in the promise of eternal life, Verna Vande Hoven, age 86, of Carrington, ND, passed away on Wednesday, October 26, 2016, at Sanford Medical Center, Bismarck, ND.

Verna Louise Park was born on July 27, 1930, to Irving and Blanche (Lepper) Park in Littlefork, MN. In 1942, her family moved to Barlow, ND, where she attended Nordmore Country School until her junior year. She was a confirmed member of Kvernes Lutheran Church, rural Carrington, ND.

On October 7, 1949, Verna married Christ Vande Hoven at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Carrington. Together they raised their ten children on their family farm. With that many children underfoot, you can guess that first and foremost, she was a busy mom, along with being a housewife, farm laborer and entertainer. She was an excellent cook, and relatives longed for her fried chicken, homemade bread and caramel rolls.

As her children grew and became more independent of her care and nurturing, she ventured out to share her cooking talents with patrons of the Prairie Inn and Chieftain.

After her marriage ended in 1996, Verna moved to Carrington where she spent the rest of her remaining life as an independent woman. In 2006, she was baptized at Faith Baptist Church in Carrington, where she developed a strong, familial bond with her church family. Verna loved people and enjoyed spending time throughout her later years playing bingo and attending card parties at the Senior Center. She also enjoyed her service as a member of the McCreary-Bonderud VFW Auxiliary 3524.

Verna is survived by her children: Roger (Ann) Vande Hoven, Carrington; Larry (Belinda) Vande Hoven, Carrington; Terry (Dora) Vande Hoven, American Canyon, CA; Kristy (Barney) Heitkamp, Fargo; Tammy (Cliff) Peterson, Jamestown; Chuck (Vicki Verke) Vande Hoven, Carrington; Stacey (Michael) Gussiaas, New Rockford; and Kerri Heid, Carrington, and a son-in-law James Huling, Chenoa, IL. She also leaves behind a legacy of 20 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren, as well as her four sisters, Betty Kollman, South Sioux City, IA; Florence (Bill) Matzig, Duncanville, TX; Ethel Blake, Phoenix, AZ; and RuthAnn (Jerry) Kanwischer, Fessenden, and two sisters-in-law, Pat Park, Hillsboro and Joni Park, Carrington.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her former husband, her children, Alice and Dale, and 5 infant sons; her grandson, Travis Vande Hoven; and her siblings, LaDonna, Irving Jr., Harold "Red", John, and Wallace.

She Loved...

She Laughed...

She Lived...



Verna Vande Hoven

July 27, 1930 – October 26, 2016

A Mother's Crown

Heaven lit up with a mighty presence as the Angels all looked down ..
Today the Lord was placing the jewels into my mother's crown.

He held up a golden crown as my darling mother looked on ..
He said in His gentle voice, 'I will now explain each one.'

The first gem, He said, is a Ruby, and it's for endurance alone ..
For all the nights you waited up for your children to come home.
For all the nights by their bedside you stayed till the fever went down ..
For nursing every little wound, I add this Ruby to your crown.

An Emerald, I'll place by the Ruby for leading your child in the right way ..
For teaching them the lessons that made them who they are today.

For always being right there through all life's important events ..
I give you a Sapphire stone for the time and love you spent.

For untying the strings that held them when they grew up and left home ..
I give you this one for courage; then the Lord added a Garnet stone.

I'll place a stone of Amethyst, He said,
for all the times you spent on your knees ..
When you asked if I'd take care of your children
and then for having faith in Me.

I have a Pearl for every little sacrifice that you made without them knowing ..
For all the times you went without to keep them happy, healthy and growing.

And last of all I have a Diamond, the greatest one of all ..
For sharing unconditional love, whether they were big or small.
It was your love that helped them grow, feeling safe and happy and proud ..
A love so strong and pure it could shift the darkest cloud.

After the Lord placed the last jewel in, He said,
*'Your crown is now complete ..
You'll enjoy your place in Heaven
with your children at your feet.'*

In Loving Memory Of

Verna Vande Hoven

July 27, 1930 – Littlefork, MN
October 26, 2016 – Bismarck, ND

PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 – 7:00PM
Evans Funeral Home – Carrington, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, November 2, 2016 – 10:30AM
Faith Baptist Church – Carrington, ND

OFFICIATING

Pastor Corey Pepple

MUSIC

Joyce Pepple & Dawn Snively, Accompanists
Ladies Ensemble, Vocalists

CASKET BEARERS

Verna's Grandsons

Charles, Victor, Troy, Jamie, Trevor,
Clifford, Christopher, Michael, Brandon,
Scottie, Roger, Collin, McCoy, Colton

ESCORTS

Verna's Granddaughters

Melissa, Christina, Jennifer, Ashley, Cassidy, Kiara

BURIAL

Carrington Cemetery

Arrangements By

Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND
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