

Erma L. Stokes, 99 passed away December 16, 2017 in Fargo, ND at Bethany on University.

Erma Laurean Helm was born August 14, 1918, in Cathay, ND. She lived a long, industrious life in Carrington, ND, living independently well into her 90s. Now she is resting in the arms of the Lord. Erma was the first of eight children born to Jacob and Emma (Putz) Helm. She married Erling S. Stokes on June 29, 1939, in Cathay. They raised their family on a farm near Carrington. Erma had worked as Church Secretary at Trinity Lutheran Church, Carrington for many years.

She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, and sewing. Her family and friends enjoyed her many talents in those areas. Erma also did Toll painting and Rose mailing.

Erma is survived by her sisters Janet Dempsey and Maxine Itzenhauser; children Lavon Lawrence of Carrington, Charlene (Richard) Haertel of Juneau, WI, Kim (Mary) Stokes of Horace and daughter-in-law Brenda (Harrington) Stokes of Carrington. Erma is furthered survived by 14 grandchildren, Gail Arne, Robi Banergi, Didi Banergi, Arun Banergi, Lavina (Lawrence) Martinez, Hunter Lawrence, Rachel Stokes, Kirk Stokes, Erica Stokes, Shana Haertel-Strehlow, Lezley (Haertel) Lenz, Chelsey (Stokes) Johnson, Lindsay (Stokes) Condry and Leah Stokes; by 13 great-grandchildren, Rachel, Jared, Talia, Alayna, Luca, Richard, Takeo, Alexander, Zoey, Bryce, Beau, Rayna and Willow; and 5 great-great grandchildren, Reese, Rome, Giovanna and Brylee, Jaylon; as well as many other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Erling, in 1977; her infant brother Lowell; brothers Ray and Wesley; sisters Lilas (Marge), Arlene and Beverly; and her beloved son Douglas.





*God saw she was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So He put His arms around her  
And whispered, "Come to Me."*

*With tearful eyes we watched her suffer  
And saw her fade away.  
Although we loved her dearly  
We could not make her stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating;  
Hard working hands put to rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.*

In Loving Memory Of

## *Erma Stokes*

August 14, 1918 – Cathay, ND  
December 16, 2017 – Fargo, ND

### FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, July 21, 2018 – 2:00PM  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Carrington, ND

### OFFICIATING

Rev. Fred Grundmann

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Clara Edwardson, Organist  
*"In the Garden"*  
*"Precious Lord Take my Hand"*  
*"What a Friend we have in Jesus"*

### HONORARY BEARERS

Family and Friends in attendance

### BURIAL

Carrington Cemetery

Arrangements by  
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