

Viola Elizabeth (Goesser) Mayers, 96, passed away on Monday, October 14, 2019 at St. Alexius Health, Devils Lake Hospital.

Viola was born February 5, 1923 in Banner Township, Cavalier County, North Dakota, the daughter of John and Anna (Wengeler) Goesser. She grew up on the family farm with her parents, three brothers, and three sisters and often shared fond memories of working and playing there. She attended school in Banner Township, received her teaching certificate, and taught until she married.

She and Gerald Mayers married on September 24, 1946 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Calio, ND. They settled in Devils Lake, where they raised their six children. They celebrated 68 years of marriage until Jerry passed away in 2014.

Viola was a skilled homemaker, helped at St. Joseph parish and school, was a member of the Circle of Infant of Prague, and supported Jerry in his Knights of Columbus and business endeavors.

She loved playing cards with family and friends, and could beat most of us at any card game, even at age 96! She also loved to dance and recalled with glee the many dances she attended with Jerry; her eyes always twinkled at the thought of a waltz or polka.

Above all, Viola was a devout Christian and a loving wife, mother, sister, and friend. In her quiet way, she loved, listened, and helped friends and family alike.

She leaves all six of her children: Nancy (Mike) Krueger of Felton MN, Linda Claverly of Mesa AZ, Gary (Stephanie) Mayers of Bastrop TX, Randy (Cindy) Mayers of Devils Lake ND, Lynn (Mary Ann) Mayers of Cincinnati OH and Wayne (Ramah) Mayers of Burlington KY.

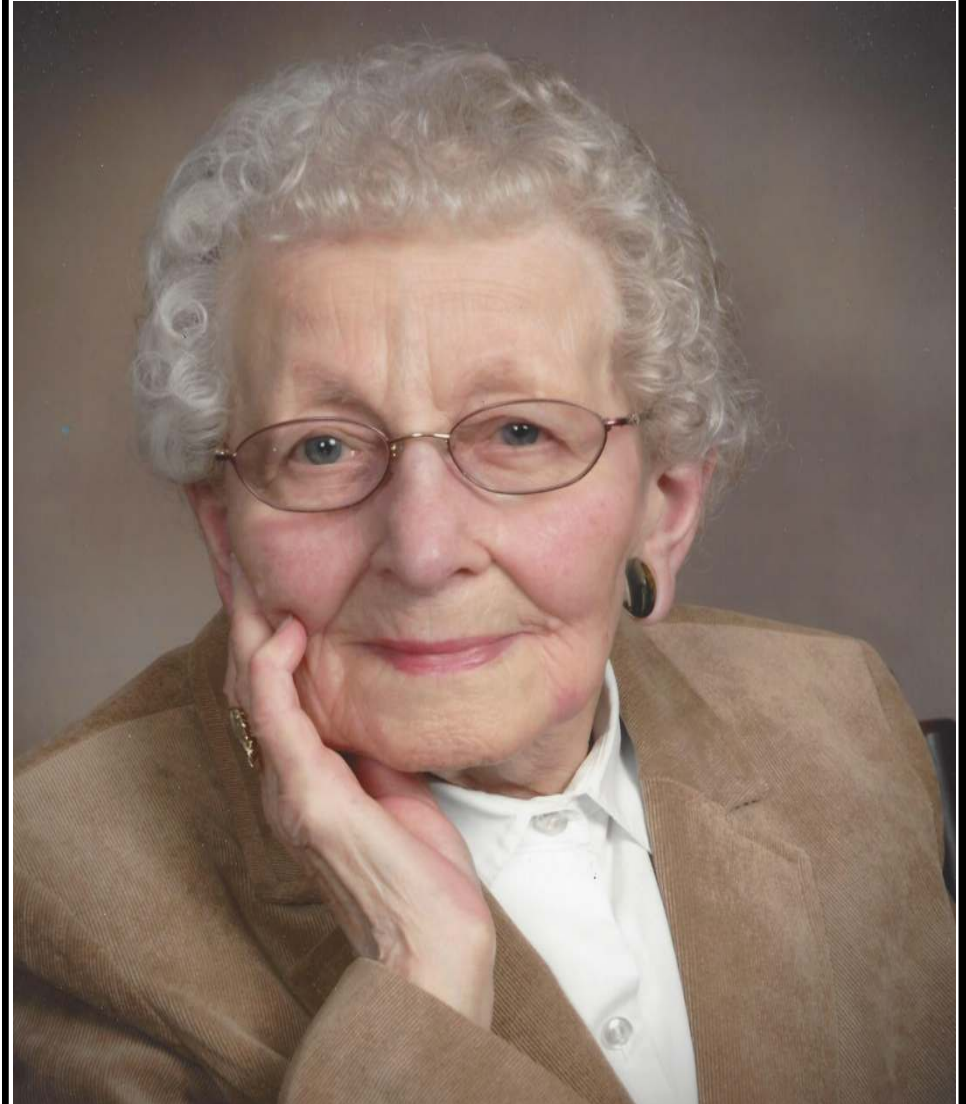
She leaves sixteen grandchildren: Scott Krueger, Kashane (Rick) Clausen, Krista (Zakk) Dunning, Steven Cooley, Dustin Mayers, Brandi (Daniel) Howell, Amanda Mayers, Melissa (Bob) Bingham, Becky Mayers, Robert (Heather) Mayers, Nicole (Cody) Samuel, Allyson (Nicholas) Rafanello, Katelyn (Jay) Chamberlain, Becky (Alex Main) Schmidt, Silas Mayers, and Kaden Mayers, along with many great grandchildren.

Viola also leaves three brothers, Edwin (Iona) Goesser, Eugene (Mary) Goesser, and Pete (Nancy) Goesser and her sister, Diane (Richard) Jundt.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald, granddaughter, Ariane Wheeler, great granddaughter, Katiana Wheeler, and sisters, Genevieve McLean and Irene Sterling.

She also leaves many beloved friends and in-laws, and treasured caregiver, Rose Rockvov. Many family members and friends visited and helped Viola during her final two weeks, a testimony to the power of friendship and love. We are truly grateful for the outpouring of support.

Celebrating the Life of



Viola E. Mayers
February 5, 1923 – October 14, 2019

Tribute to Our Mother and All Mothers

***We really haven't lost our Mother
Though we've said our last goodbyes,
Though there's heartbreak in the parting -
No one's Mother really dies!***

***If you love to hear the old songs
For the memories they bring,
It's because you had a Mother,
Who taught your heart to sing!***

***When you stop to help a neighbor,
Search your heart and you will find
It's because you had a Mother
Who taught you to be kind.***

***If you go to church when weary
Seeking God to guide your way,
It's because you had a Mother
Who taught you how to pray.***

***No, we haven't lost our Mother
Though we've said our last goodbyes.
Through our thoughts and deeds she's living -
No one's Mother really dies!***

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ROSARY & SCRIPTURE SERVICE

Sunday, October 20, 2019 - 7:00PM
Gilbertson-Golger Funeral Home
Devils Lake, ND

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Monday, October 21, 2019 - 10:00AM
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Devils Lake, ND

OFFICIATING

Father Chad Wilhelm

SPECIAL MUSIC

Organist ~ Audrey Myklebust
Soloists ~ Lynn Webster & Ramah Mayers

CASKET BEARERS

Scott Krueger ~ Zakk Dunning ~ Dustin Mayers
Robert Mayers ~ Jay Chamberlain ~ Silas Mayers

BURIAL

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery
Devils Lake, ND

Arrangements by
Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND
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