Gertrude Laib, age 85, of New Rockford, ND, died Sunday, January 2, 2022, in the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, New Rockford.

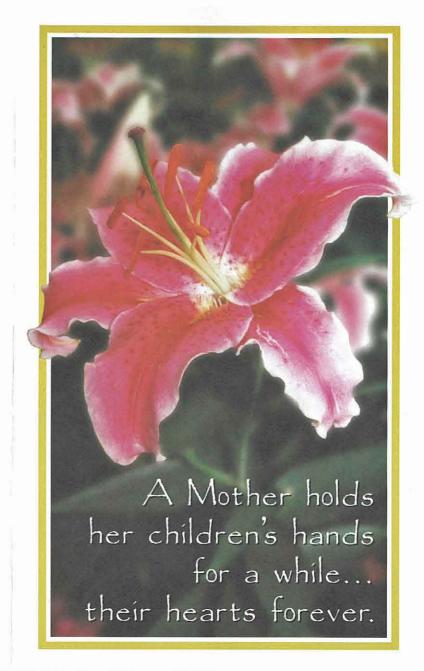
Gertrude "Gertie" Jean Strobel was born on March 3, 1936 to Anne (Mertz) Strobel and John Strobel at Denhoff, ND. She graduated from Denhoff High School in 1954. On July 1, 1954, Gertrude was united in marriage to Wilbert Laib at McClusky, ND. In 1955, they moved to Bismarck, ND. In 1971, they moved back to Mercer, and Willie bought the family farm. They farmed until 1984, when they moved to Carrington, ND, where they bought and operated the DelClaire Motel. Willie and Gertie retired in 1993, and moved to New Rockford

She was a member of First Lutheran Church, New Rockford. They attended many threshing shows, including shows at Rollag, MN and New Rockford. They enjoyed taking Farmers Union bus tours to various locations, and had taken three trips to the Philippines to visit their son Dale. Gertie and Willie were often seen taking walks around New Rockford, collecting the cans they encountered along the way. She loved the quilting time with her fellow church ladies. She also enjoyed her time at the casino, sewing, gardening and reading. She loved baking homemade bread and old German foods, handed down through generations.

Gertie is survived by her one son Dale of New Rockford, ND, and the Philippines; two daughters Jeannie Laib, Sumter, SC, Jannell (David) Lagein, Rock Lake, ND; 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter Renee Fields, son Robert, granddaughter Shaila Fields, sister Linda and brother Johnny.

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God's Garden

God looked around His garden, and found an empty place.

He then looked down upon the earth,

and saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you, and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best. He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain, He knew that you would never get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough and hills were hard to climb so He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered, "Peace be thine". It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone, for a part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

In Loving Memory Of Gertrude "Gertie" Laib

March 3, 1936 – Denhoff, ND January 2, 2022 – New Rockford, ND

VISITATION

Friday, January 7, 2022 ~ 3:00PM – 7:00PM Evans Funeral Home, New Rockford, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, January 8, 2022 ~ 11:00AM First Lutheran Church, New Rockford, ND

OFFICIATING

Rev. Amy Kippen

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kerstin Allmaras ~ Organist
Congregational Hymns
Lord, When You Come To The Seashore
Oh, How I Love Jesus
Mary Heid ~ Soloist ~ Amazing Grace
Recorded Music
Bye Mom by Chris Janson
I'll Fly Away by The Statler Brothers

CASKET BEARERS

Daina Degenstein ~ Traci Lagein ~ Shain Fields Rachael Odermann ~ Rick Sweitzer ~ Nate Fields

BURIAL

Zion Lutheran Church, rural Mercer, ND

Arrangements By
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