

Verna Karan Goff, 83, peacefully passed away at home with her daughters at her side, in Pingree, ND, after a long battle with COPD.

Verna was born on August 14, 1938 in Iowa to Cyrus Leslie Thompson and Ollie Eunice Stuart Thompson. Verna was the 11<sup>th</sup> child of 13.

Verna worked as a waitress or restaurant manager most of her life. She married Don Probasco in 1956 and together they were blessed with 2 daughters. Verna later married James Goff in 1973 in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Together they made many places home including Iowa, North Dakota, Utah, Colorado, California, and finally Nebraska. Verna loved the trips Jim and her experienced; Hawaii parasailing, Spain Bull fights, Switzerland's winding roads.

In 2016 she decided it was time to move in with her daughter, Donna in ND; where she quickly found her chance to cook and help out with a busy life style, that got even busier with great-grandchildren. Many afternoons you could find Ann Geske and Verna playing three handed pinochle.

Verna is survived by her Daughters, Karen (Mike) Skinner of AZ, Donna (Jack) Geske of Pingree, ND; Grandson, Jacob Geske of Denton, TX; Granddaughter, Katie (Shannon) Petersen of Carrington, ND; Six Great-grandchildren, Jarrett, RiLynn, Peyton, Archer, Flint, and Timber.

Verna was preceded in death by her Husband, James Goff; Parents, Cyrus & Ollie Thompson; 2 Angel Siblings; 4 Sisters, Glenda, Wanda, Velda, and Shirley; 6 Brothers, Ray, Oral, Ole, Virgil, Robert, and Loren; and Special Friend, Bill Marmon.

The Family would like to thank CHI Health at Home for assisting in her final months.

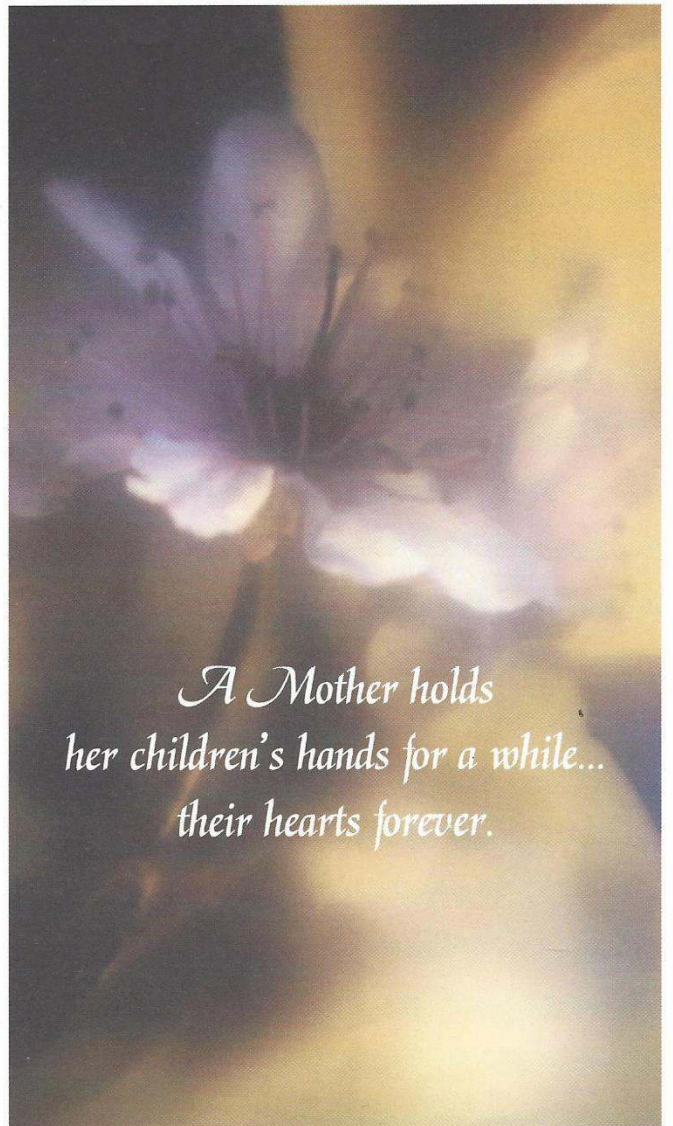


#### ***A MOTHER'S FAREWELL TO HER CHILDREN***

When I must leave you for a little while,  
Please do not grieve, shed wild tears,  
or hug your sorrow through the years,

But start out bravely with gallant smile;  
And for my sake and in my name  
Live on and do all things the same,  
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,  
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort and hold you near;

And never, never be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting for you in the sky



*A Mother holds  
her children's hands for a while...  
their hearts forever.*

### *In Loving Memory Of Verna Karan Goff*

August 14, 1938 – Iowa  
March 24, 2022 – Pingree, ND

#### **VISITATION**

Thursday, March 31, 2022 ~ 6:00PM – 7:00PM  
Federated Church UUC/UMC, Carrington, ND

#### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

Thursday, March 31, 2022 ~ 7:00PM  
Federated Church UUC/UMC, Carrington, ND

#### **OFFICIATING**

Pastor Rick Loewen

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Supermarket Flowers ~ Amber Leigh Irish  
Believe ~ Brooks & Dunn*

#### **BURIAL**

Beatrice, NE  
*at a later date*

Arrangements By  
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