

Gerda (Gedrose) Backman, age 95, of New Rockford, ND, died Thursday, May 26, 2022 at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, New Rockford, ND.

Gerda was born September 1, 1926, in rural Cathay, ND, the daughter of John and Thekla Gunhilda (Bryne) Gedrose. She was baptized and confirmed at Stavanger Lutheran Church in Wells County. She attended school in Fairville Township, Wells County, until November of 1941. She then moved with her family near Brantford and attended Columbia Consolidated School, and in 1945 she graduated from New Rockford High School. She later attended Dakota Business College in Fargo for one year. Gerda worked in Fargo and Devils Lake until she married Donald Keith Backman on November 13, 1954. She was a devoted wife and mother, and loved living on the farm east of New Rockford. She was an active member of the First Congregational Church. She taught Sunday school and Bible school, helped her children with many 4-H projects, enjoyed the Tiffany Ladies Aid and Homemaker Clubs, and volunteered at the Senior Center. Donald passed away on March 15, 1988. Gerda was able to take a trip of a lifetime to Norway in 1992. Gerda was always kind and enjoyed helping people. She loved making special meals for her family – buns, lefse, potato sausage, krumkake, and birthday cakes. She will be deeply missed.



Gerda is survived by her son, Robert Backman of New Rockford; daughter, Lorraine (Chuck) LeBlanc of Grand Forks; her grandchildren, Amanda (Lucas) Croegaert of Bismarck, Neil Backman of New Rockford, Stephanie LeBlanc of Grand Forks, and Matthew LeBlanc of Grand Forks; two great-grandsons, Trace and Toby Croegaert; a sister, Vivian Rimmerid, and her sister-in-law, Barbara Gedrose.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; her daughter, Gail Klumph; a son-in-law, Alfred Klumph; her parents; sisters, Olga (Clarence) Sielig, Tillie (Glenn) Collier, Julia (LeRoy) Gross and Erna Gedrose; and brothers, Emil (Bernadine) Gedrose and John Gedrose, and brother-in-law Daniel Rimmerid.

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



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SEPTEMBER 1, 1926 – MAY 26, 2022

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Your Mother Is Always With You

Your Mother is always with you.

She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street.

She's the smell of certain foods you remember,

flowers you pick, the fragrance of life itself.

She's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well.

She's your breath in the air on a cold winter's day.

She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep,

the colors of a rainbow. She is Christmas morning.

Your Mother lives inside your laughter.

She's the place you came from, your first home,

and she's the map you following with every step you take.

She's your first love; your first friend, even your first enemy,

but nothing on earth can separate you.

Not time, not space...not even death.

Author: unknown

VISITATION

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

1:00PM - 5:00PM

Evans Funeral Home, New Rockford, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

2:00PM

First Lutheran Church, New Rockford, ND

OFFICIATING

Pastor Mindy Meier

SPECIAL MUSIC

Joann Leichtman ~ Organist

Congregational Hymns

Old Rugged Cross ~ On Eagle's Wings

Paula Loewen ~ Soloist

One Day At A Time ~ Church In The Wildwood

A Carpenter, A Mother and A King

PALLBEARERS

Neil Backman ~ Larry Danduran ~ Amanda Croegaert

Jerry Rimmereid ~ Luke Croegaert ~ Robert Collier

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

All of Gerda's Family and Close Friends

BURIAL

Nystrom Cemetery, rural New Rockford, ND

Arrangements by

Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND

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