

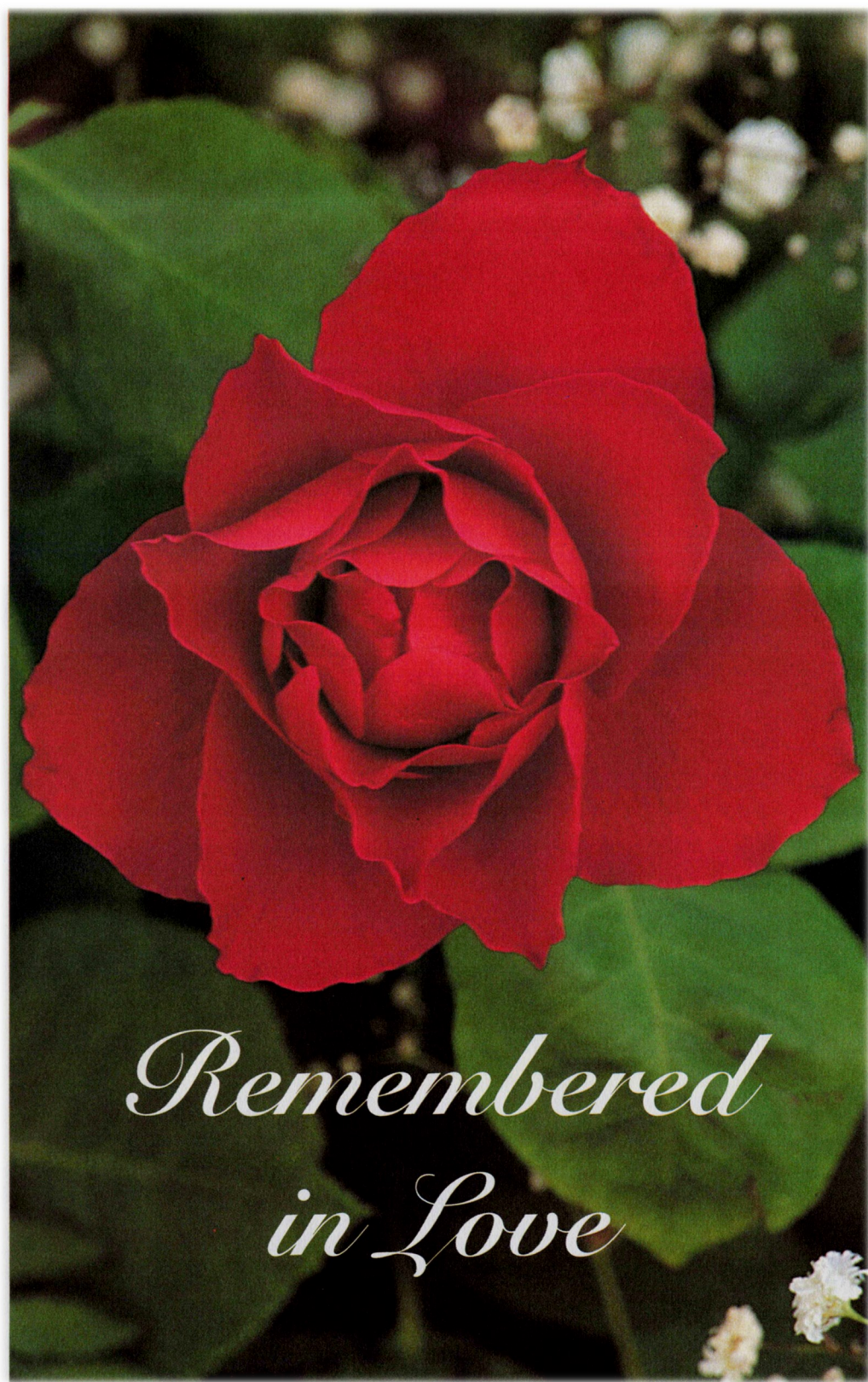


When I Must Leave You

When I must leave you for a little while,
Please go on bravely with a gallant smile
And for my sake and in my name,
Live on and do all things the same -
Spend not your life 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 you and hold you near.

Helen Steiner Rice


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*Remembered
in Love*

Veta Aker, age 101, went to meet the Lord on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at Edgewood Assisted Living in Watertown, SD with family at her side .

Veta Sarah Aker was born on February 23, 1923 to Roy and Leta (Kay) Haakinson near Montrose, SD. She grew up on a farm and attended all 12 years of school at Orland School near Madison and graduated in 1941.

After graduation, she worked in Sioux Falls before marrying Norman Aker in Colton, SD on December 8, 1941. The couple later moved to Garden City, SD. There she worked at Grout's Grocers and Robb Hardware before moving to a farm.

Veta and Norman bought their own farm north of Garden City where they operated a dairy for 40 years. She was devoted to family, farming, and her community, loved country western music, milking cows, and driving tractor. Veta was also a member of the Garden City Methodist Church and served as Dinner Chairman for UMW, was involved in the Garden City Turkey Shoot BINGO, was secretary for the Development Corp., and was a lifetime member of the Auxiliary serving as treasurer.

Veta worked at the Post Office in Garden City as a Relief Postmaster from 1982 to 2002. During this time; Veta was also an Avon representative. She did this for 35 years and won the Award's Dolls. She and Norman moved to Watertown in 1995, but she continued to work in Garden City because she enjoyed it.

Veta will be missed by her surviving family; daughters Deb (Harlan) Becker, Sharon Niles, son Dennis (Carla) Aker all of Watertown, SD, six grandchildren, TJ Boerger, Brian Aker, Angie Rycraft, Nicky Heath, Kathy Manzey, and Tammy Taecker, eighteen great grandchildren, and nine great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Norman in 2006, parents, two brothers, Melvin (LaVonne) and Clifford (Eileen), one grandson, Craig Niles, and many other precious family members.



The family of Veta Aker thanks you for your presence here today, for your thoughts, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to them.



Celebrating the Life of Veta Aker



Services From

Garden City Community Church
Garden City, South Dakota
Tuesday, June 18, 2024
11:00 AM

Officiant

Pastor Mark Tracy

Music

Lynda Stern—Pianist

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" - #474 Congregational

"The Old Rugged Cross" - Recorded by David Finstad

"Amazing Grace" - Recorded by Judy Collins

"Because He Lives" - #364 Congregational

Honorary Bearers

Garden City Legion Auxiliary Members

Veta's loving friends and family

Garden City Community Church members

Edgewood Assisted Living Staff

Prairie Lakes Hospice and Staff

Casket Bearers

Brian Aker TJ Boerger Austin Manzey
Brock Manzey Bryant Bendel Lee Rycraft Jace Taecker
Veta's Great Grandchildren and Great-Great Grandchildren

Interment

Garden City Cemetery
Garden City, South Dakota



Following the burial, please join the family for lunch and a time of fellowship in the church fellowship area.