

FRAGRANT GARDEN

Forever-fragrant garden,
With beauty all around,
Blossoms of the rarest kind
Can easily be found

No winter's chill now comes to me,
No need to be disheartened,
I'll rest here now, forevermore,
In God's eternal garden.

Immediately following Vera's committal service, her family extends you the warmest invitation to join them for refreshments and fellowship at the American Legion Hall in Hitchcock.

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Vera Spilloway was born on October 25, 1931 on a small farm near Gackle, ND to Fred and Martha (Moos) Spilloway. She was the fourth of five children. Times were tough for the family, as they were for most families of that time. She attended 12 schools in 3 different states during her school years. She finally got her wish of attending High School graduating in Pierce, Nebraska in 1949. Immediately following graduation, she and a friend moved to Minneapolis, MN and worked at the Sears warehouse. After a time she moved to Langford, SD and worked at several places there including a Variety Store and the Langford State Bank. In 1959 Vera married Norval Goehring, becoming mother to his 3 children. They later moved to Hitchcock, SD where she worked at the Farmers and Merchants Bank there from 1960 – 1972. During those years they had 3 more children.

One interesting story that not many people can tell about their mom is that in September of 1967 Vera was working at the bank when it was held up and robbed at gunpoint. The employees were locked in the safe, and fortunately freed a short time later. That was a lot of excitement for the little town of Hitchcock!

In 1982 she became ill and had to have her lung removed. Many people would never have guessed that as it didn't seem to slow her down much. She kept very busy raising kids, hauling them to music lessons and activities. There were chickens, rabbits, and horses to take care of and every bird and stray cat was welcomed and taken care of as well. She tended a large garden and was busy canning all the vegetables in the fall. Her flowers were beautiful year after year and she took great pride in showing them off to anyone stopping by. Every plant had a story. Norm would cut yard decorations out of wood and Vera would paint them. We are blessed to still have some of those items in our yards. She was not happy unless she was busy!

In 1985 she started a new phase of her life working in DK's Café off and on from 1985 – 2017. She loved seeing the regulars and watching the kids grow from babies to adulthood. She met many people and made friends with them all. She and Norval attended as many of their children's and grandchildren's events as they could and enjoyed the hometown school's events as well.

After Norval's death in 2017 Vera stayed in her home and took care of her big yard and house. She survived the 2020 Pandemic and said it didn't worry her too much as she had survived so much already. And that she did! She kept in touch with her friends and everyone's comings and goings on Facebook and on the phone. In October of 2023 Debbie finally got her talked into moving to Aberdeen, just blocks away from her, and thus started her last chapter. She enjoyed meeting and visiting with the other ladies in her apartment building at coffee in the afternoons, playing BINGO, and having her granddaughter visit and bring her treats after school.

Vera is survived by 6 children, Sharon (Harvey) Tschetter of Hitchcock,, Kathy Coppess of Shelly MN, Charles (Connie) Goehring of West Hills, CA, Debbie (Dan) Hepper of Aberdeen, SD, Todd (Shelly) Goehring of Bismarck, ND, and Tadd (Anissa) Goehring of Crooks, SD; Grandchildren, Darik, Tony, Tara, Heather, Chris, Lance and Maggie, and several great and great great grandchildren, and her sister Marge.

She was preceded in death by her husband Norval, her parents Fred and Martha Spilloway, one brother Loyal, two sisters Ruth Olson and Violet Olson.

She will be missed by many.



Vera Goehring

October 25, 1931~ October 11, 2024

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 a.m. ~ Thursday, October 17, 2024

Welter Funeral Home

Huron, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Tom Pickles

MUSIC

Debra Hepper ~ Pianist

Todd Goehring ~ Violinist

“Will the Circle Be Unbroken?” ~ “The Old Rugged Cross”

Congregational Hymns

“Amazing Grace”

Special Song ~ “Eagle When She Flies” by Dolly Parton

CASKETBEARERS

Todd Goehring ~ Tadd Goehring ~ Dan Hepper

Lance Hepper ~ Jake Carrico ~ Tom Rathjen

HONORARY CASKTEBEARERS

Vera's Friends & Family

INTERMENT

Altoona Cemetery ~ Hitchcock, South Dakota