



Verna Mae Helgeson

June 29, 1929 - November 18, 2020

Verna Mae (Peterson) Helgeson, 91, Lake Mills, died peacefully on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, where she had been a resident of the Lake Mills Care Center for the past eight years.

A private family funeral service will be held on Monday, November 23, 2020 with Pastor Melinda McCluskey officiating.

Private family burial will be held at Salem Memorial Cemetery, rural Lake Mills, Iowa.

The family suggests that memorials be directed to the Salem Lutheran Church or Hospice of North Iowa.

Verna was born June 29, 1929, to parents Vernon and Bernice (Swenson) Peterson on their farm in rural Lake Mills. She was baptized, confirmed and married at Salem Lutheran Church being a life long member. She was a member of the Lake Mills Community School class of 1947.

She was united in marriage with Kurtis Helgeson on January 21, 1947 at Salem Lutheran Church. The couple made their home in Lake Mills and moved to their farm home in 1951 with their children, Paul, Bruce, Gary and Judy.

Verna knew what was important in life and did her best to reflect faith, family and community on a daily basis. As a member of Salem Lutheran, Verna was very active in her church singing in the church choir beginning in high school and continuing into her later years. She was always in a circle and taught Sunday school and Tuesday school. She enjoyed playing cards, being on a bowling team of which she was a very good bowler, loved to play volleyball and golf, involved in community chorus, and going dancing with Kurt. Being a grandparent brought joy to her and she made great memories for them by all the boating experiences and camping, sleepovers at grandma and grandpas with the cousins, and as they got older following them in their school activities.

In Verna's younger years she worked at Nepstad's Variety Store and Milady's in Lake Mills. Kurt and Verna owned a laundromat and drycleaning business in the 1960's of which Verna managed. When they sold the laundromat she started working at the Lake Mills Care Center where she worked for over 30 years.

Verna is survived by her children, Bruce (Connie) Helgeson, Gary (Linda) Helgeson, Judy (Steve) Eidness, all of Lake Mills; fourteen grandchildren, Tammy (Charlie) Loncorich, Kurtis Paul (Ricki Lynn) Helgeson, Hilary Helgeson, Kellie (Tom) Abrugio, Jeffrey (Caryn) Helgeson, Mark (Tracy) Helgeson, Timothy (Devan) Helgeson, Kimberly (Andy) Yocom, Shawn (Julie) Helgeson, Melissa (Mark) Pruin, Bradley (Jolene) Helgeson, Joshua Eidness, Lacie Eidness and fiancé Jesse Doherty, and Jenna Eidness; twenty eight great-grandchildren, seven great great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, David Dakken. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Kurt in 1997, son Paul in 2009; three sisters, Delores (Elwood) Porter, Joan (Ron) Hall, and Mary Dakken, and five brothers and sisters in laws, Stanley (Neoma) Helgeson, Harry (Eileen) Helgeson, Milford (Doris) Helgeson, Truman (Phyllis) Helgeson and Vernon (Barbara) Helgeson.

Cemetery



**SALEM MEMORIAL
CEMETERY**

HWY 69 North, Lake
Mills, Iowa 50450

Tribute Wall

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Perry Simonson

To the Helgeson Family. I remember Verna and Kurt very well from when I was a little kid. I am sad to hear of her passing. My mother sent me this information. I thought I would post this message, say hi, and give my condolences. Take care. Perry Simonson.

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Kurtis Helgeson

Love you Grandma Verna and will miss you. Love Little Kurt and Family
