

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of the day
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered *Joy*
A friendship shared,
a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life has been full, I've savored much
Good friends, good times, *a loved one's touch*
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now, He set me **FREE!**



In Loving Memory Of

Ramona Parpart

October 5, 1930 - June 10, 2019

Ramona Darlene Parpart was born October 5, 1930, in Plentywood, Montana, to Vernon Melvin and Millie Adelle [Francis] Stevens. She and Ralph Eugene Parpart were united in marriage in Scobey, Montana on December 31, 1947. They settled in Antelope, Montana until November of 1954 when they moved to Medicine Lake, Montana. They lived in several different places in Medicine Lake and Ralph held several different occupations there as he kept improving their lives. They began building their 'earth-sheltered house' in 1980 near Antelope and moved into this home in 1983. After Ralph's death in 1996, Ramona bravely kept up the ranch mostly by herself until 2002, when she decided to become a North Dakotan and moved to Williston. In 2012, she moved in with her son, Randy, in his home in Williston. In late July of 2018 she felt unable to take care of herself any longer while Randy and Peggy were working and chose to be cared for in the Roosevelt Medical Center in Culbertson, MT.

Ramona worked in various jobs in the community. She was a waitress at Ray's Cafe in Medicine Lake, baked pies, cakes and cookies for the bowling alley, was a Teachers Aid and playground supervisor at Medicine Lake Grade School, worked at the Reserve Post office and was an ombudsman for several NE Montana nursing homes and senior centers. Ramona enjoyed her retirement years traveling (Alaska and Australia among these) and spent time with her Red Hat choral group singing. She enjoyed playing cards and bingo at the Senior Center in Williston. She enjoyed Friday nights at the Moose having a hamburger and enjoying good dancing music. She thoroughly loved making and donating baby caps, dozens per month for years, for newborns at Williston's local CHI hospital. Lots of love went into each and every stitch!

Ramona and Ralph had four children, Linda [Richard] Drake of Hewitt, Minnesota, Casandra [Cassie] Syme of Gifford, Illinois, Russell [Laurie] of Park City, Montana and Randall [Peggy] of Williston. She is survived by 10 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

Ramona was preceded in death by her parents, Vernon Stevens and Millie Fishell; her husband, Ralph of 48 years; sister, Corrine [Kit] Kleinhans; brother, Jerome [Jerry] Stevens and four grandchildren. She is survived by her sisters, Ardis [Lorring] Stevens, Vickie (Fishell) [Hank] Penner, her four children, the grandchildren, numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews and untold friends.

Ramona made an impression on everyone she met. She never met a stranger and was always looking for a good conversation, especially if it was about politics. Ramona was quick-witted and spunky and loved to be right. She maintained her intelligence by playing many games of scrabble and Sudoku and never letting anyone else win. She will be remembered by many for her caring and gentle ways and her ability to give of herself to help others. Ramona was a one-of-a-kind; mother, grandmother, nana, sister, aunt and friend. Her impact on others' lives will be greatly missed.

In Loving Memory Of Ramona D. Parpart

Born To Vernon and Millie Stevens
October 5, 1930 ~ Plentywood, Montana

Returned to Her Heavenly Father
June 10, 2019 ~ Culbertson, Montana

Funeral Service

Saturday ~ June 15, 2019 ~ 10:00 am
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Williston, North Dakota

Music

Vocalist ~ Linda Clemes
Accompanist ~ Sandi Blikre

Congregational Music

"In The Garden"
"How Great Thou Art"

Pallbearers

Randy Parpart	Russ Parpart	Gene Parpart
Craig Parpart	Paul Parpart	John Franzen
Robert Dobson		Mike Walters

Honorary Pallbearers

Connie Olson	Brett Hinrickson	Don Hedges
Rich Drake	Pat Drake	Dan Drake

Final Resting Place

Antelope Catholic Cemetery ~ Antelope, Montana

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Williston, ND

After services at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Williston, drinks and bars will be served there for those not wishing to go to the graveside at Antelope, MT.

After the ceremony in Antelope, lunch will be served at the Medicine Lake Lutheran Church, Medicine Lake, MT.