

I'd like the memory of me  
To be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave  
an afterglow of  
*smiles*  
when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo  
Whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
And bright & sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,  
To dry before the sun  
Of *happy memories*  
that I leave behind  
When life is done.



*In Loving*  
M E M O R Y

## Verna Edwina Iverson

*Born to Albert and Laura Skari*  
June 2, 1927 ~ Arnegard Township, North Dakota

*Returned to Her Heavenly Father*  
October 5, 2021 ~ Williston, North Dakota

*Her Funeral Service*  
Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 11:00 AM  
Emmanuel Free Lutheran Church  
Williston, North Dakota

*Officiating*  
Pastor Jon Wellumson

*Congregational Music*  
"The Lord Is My Shepherd"  
"Amazing Grace"  
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Accompanist*  
Lisa Hettich

*Special Music*  
"It It Well With My Soul"  
(CD Sung by Vernon Skari,  
Verna's twin brother who has passed)

*Pallbearers*  
Pastor Sam Wellumson    Nathen Wellumson  
Andrew Wellumson      Abby Wellumson  
Suzie Rivers      Hal Iverson      Mike Iverson

*Honorary Pallbearers*  
All Of Verna's Great-Grandchildren

*Greeters/Ushers*  
Richard Stenberg    Mike Johnson    Wayne Johnson

*Final Resting Place*  
Riverview Cemetery  
Williston, North Dakota

*Arrangements By*  
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home  
Williston, North Dakota



*In Loving Memory Of*

**Verna E. Iverson**

June 2, 1927 - October 5, 2021





Verna E. Iverson, 94, of Williston, ND passed away Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at the Bethel Lutheran Home in Williston, ND.

Verna Edwina (Skari) Iverson was born on June 2, 1927, six minutes before her twin brother, to Albert and Laura (Elken) Skari in Arnegard Township. She attended school at Farland Country School, two years of high school in Arnegard and completed her high school education in Watford City, ND in 1945. While in school, she participated as an assistant cheerleader, majorette, played basketball, and sang in the choir. She attended college in Williston, ND.

On October 9, 1945, she married her high school sweetheart, Joseph H. Iverson, at First Lutheran Church in Watford City, ND. Together they raised a family of four as well as a foster son on a farm in Farland Township. They moved to Williston, ND in 1965. They were active members of Farland Church, Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church and Emmanuel Free Lutheran Church. They served side by side teaching Sunday School, playing the organ for 58 years, singing in and directing the choir and fulfilling many roles in each church's leadership group.

She was a 4-H leader and WMF President in McKenzie County and secretary for the PTA in Watford City. Following and cheering on her children, grandchildren, great-grand children in all their activities, which would take Joe and Verna on many road trips. They especially enjoyed their trips to California, Branson, MO and Norway.

Verna worked at the Good Shepherd Home in Watford City and JC Penney Store in Williston. She later worked as a medical transcriptionist for 31 years at Western Dakota Medical Clinic in Williston. She was an excellent cook and one of her signature goodies was Swedish almond cakes. She loved crossword puzzles, crocheting, reading and playing Bunko with her friends.

From being born in the depression era and later becoming an expert cell phone texter, she experienced great changes over her nine decades of life. Some changes were harder than others, but she always counted on her faith and God's inerrant Word to see her through.

She is survived by her sons, David (Tina) Iverson of Ballantine, MT, Pastor Dean J. Iverson of Williston ND; daughter, Deanna (Art) Lopez of Aubrey, TX; grandchildren, Hal (Tiffany) Iverson of Ballantine, MT, Michael (Raelyn) Iverson of Alexander, ND, Susan (Terry) Rivers of Maple Grove, MN, Nicole (Nick) Fister of Kalispell, MT, Matthew (Kim) Lopez of Frisco, TX, Tim Lopez of San Jose, CA, and many great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband Joseph of 69 years; daughter, Dianne; foster son, Carlyle Mikkelson; her parents; daughter-in-law, Eileen (Tande) Iverson; grandchild, Tanya Brown; brothers, Iner, Vernon, infant George Albert Skari; sisters, Esther Kundert, Grace Johnson, Juliette Lundquist, Margaret Mai, Selma Engen, Mildred Vernon; cousin, Ruth Carns.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be given to Bethel Lutheran Nursing Home Foundation, 1515 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. West, Williston, ND 58801.

Trust in the LORD  
with all your  
*heart;*  
and lean not on your  
own understanding  
In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
& He will direct your  
*paths.*

- Proverbs 3:5-6

