



## Bertha Van Enk

April 2, 1918 - October 20, 2009

Bertha Miedema was born on April 2, 1918, near Ypsilanti in Barnes County, ND, the seventh of eleven children born to Ernest and Allie (Van De Berg) Miedema. She spent the first years of her life in rural Barnes County and moved to Valley City after her marriage to Harry Van Enk on June 8, 1939. Bertha was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church where she participated in Sunday School teaching, Dorcas Society, and used her musical talents playing the piano and organ. She was a leader in home Bible studies and a volunteer at the Sheyenne Care Center, providing a Sunday afternoon service for the residents for many years.

Bertha was a top notch homemaker. Her favorite hobbies were crocheting and reading. Bertha's baking, preserving, gardening and entertaining skills were enjoyed by many. Her father once told her "you were born with a paint brush in your hand" as she did all of the painting at their home and assisted her husband in the construction trade with painting, wood finishing and much cleaning of their rental properties.

In 1995 she relocated to Greenville, SC to be near family where she attended Hampton Park Baptist Church and made many new friends. She was lovingly cared for in different facilities in the area according to her needs.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry and 9 siblings. Bertha is survived by four daughters: Audrey Hoffmann, Greenville, SC; Bonnie (Michael) Miller, Danville, CA; Arlis (Peter) Nash, Peoria, AZ and Cheryl (Phil) Esser, Ft. Worth, TX; 9 grandchildren: Jeffrey Miller, Douglas Miller, Nita Miller, Greg Hoffmann, Gwen Hoffmann Brady, Kimberly Nash Berg, Tina Nash Hayden, Rebecca Nash Kelly and Debra Reinertsen; 16 great grandchildren; a sister, Joyce Van Dyke, Valley City; a sister-in-law, Jean Crittenden, Fairhope, AL; and 33 nieces and nephews.

Bertha's family would like to express their appreciation to the staff at McCall's Hospice House and her other care givers over the years for the wonderful way they attended to their mother, grandmother and sister.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
3511 Kathryn Rd. S.  
Valley City, ND

## Service

OCT **28**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Hi to all the VanEnk girls. Was looking back at obituaries on the funeral home sites in VC and noticed your Mom had passed away a few yrs ago. Had not heard. Don't get a paper, and no one from First Bapt let me know! I'm sorry for the loss of your Mom, but knowing your Mom's love of the Lord, she is waiting in heaven for her family to join her, and is reunited with Harry and her family gone before! Your Mom and Dad were 2 of my parents' closest friends, and I sure enjoyed being with Arlys and Cheryl during our growing up years, and youth group and camp. Remember many visits to each others' homes over those years. Fond memories. Pray you can focus on all those memories, even while missing your parents; I'm sure as much as I do mine. Soooo looking forward to that heavenly reunion!! :) My sympathies to all of you. Lovingly, -Barb

Barb Harris McCarty - March 11, 2013 at 03:01 PM



“ Dear Audrey, I am so thankful that I was able to sing and read the Bible to your mom and mine at Brighten Gardens. She was such an inspiration to me. We both talked about our love of music for the Lord, singing of Hymns and gospel songs, our love of playing the piano. I was so thankful that your precious mom was my mom's roommate. I know it was truly of the Lord. God bless you and your precious family. Your precious mother is in God's loving arms now. She truly has "Peace, Wonderful Peace"  
Keeping you in my prayers, Denise Ferguson###imported-begin###Denise Ferguson (daughter of Addie Lee Bagwell- Brighten Gardens###imported-end###

October 26, 2009 at 10:05 PM



“ Dear Audrey,  
I did not get to know your mother, but reading about her life I know she was a special and wonderful person. You took care of her very well and I know you will miss her. My sympathy and prayers are with you.  
Sonia###imported-begin###Sonia and David Pavluk###imported-end###

October 26, 2009 at 12:04 PM