



## Verna Mae Thoreson

April 2, 1927 - August 9, 2023

Verna Thoreson, 96, Valley City, ND formerly of Kathryn, ND passed away August 9, 2023 at SMP Health - St. Raphael, Valley City, with her family by her side.

The funeral service for Verna will be 10:30 am Wednesday, August 16, at Faith Lutheran Church, Valley City. Visitation will be 5-7 pm Tuesday at the church with a prayer service at 7 pm. Visitation will continue one hour before the service at the church. Burial will be in Nordheim Cemetery, rural Kathryn.

The funeral service will be viewable via livestream at <https://vimeo.com/event/3634259>

Verna Mae Thoreson was born April 2, 1927, to Melvin and Clara (Rue) Brandvold on the Sand Prairie south of Kathryn, ND. She attended and graduated from Kathryn High School. Growing up, Verna was active in Ransom County 4-H earning many ribbons and awards. She married Maurice Thoreson on January 20, 1946. A true partnership began. Verna was the quintessential farmer's wife. She took care of the house, milked cows alongside Maurice, baked some of the most delicious treats, was a loving mother to their children and a wonderful grandma to all the grandkids and great grandkids.

Verna was a woman of strong faith. She was baptized and confirmed at Nordheim Lutheran Church and later a member of St. Paul's in Kathryn. She was active with Ladies Aid where she helped make dozens of quilts for the annual bazaar. She was also active with the Hastings Homemaker's club and enjoyed the time with everyone.

Verna loved having company where the coffee was always on, and a sweet treat was readily available. She was an excellent card player who was better than she ever let on. Putting together puzzles was a hobby she enjoyed throughout her life and one that the grandchildren enjoyed with her.

She made a quilt for nearly every grandchild and great grandchild. A precious gift that they will cherish. A lot of love went into each unique quilt.

Verna is survived by her children Larry (Dusty) of Jamestown, Marilyn (Allen) Kunze of Valley City, Curt (Sue) of West Fargo, Rick (Barb) of Kathryn, and Bob (Jodi) of Jamestown; 11 grandchildren 15 great grandchildren; sisters-in-law Lois Brandvold and Phyllis Storhoff.

She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, two infant daughters Jean and Jane, brothers Maurice and Leslie Brandvold, in-laws Ninie Brandvold, Carl Thoreson, Jeannette and Al Trader, Donald and Dorothy Thoreson, and Edmund Storhoff.

Verna was a self-less, giving woman of faith who passed down many family traditions to her family all done with the utmost love.

# Cemetery Details

## Nordheim Cemetery

Kathryn, ND

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church  
309 4th St NE  
Valley City, ND

## Prayer Service

AUG **15**. 7:00 PM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church  
309 4th St NE  
Valley City, ND

## Funeral Service

AUG **16**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church  
309 4th St NE  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ Stephanie Bragg lit a candle in memory of Verna Mae Thoreson



Stephanie Bragg - October 28, 2023 at 04:20 AM

DF

“ The lady with the beautiful smile in her quiet way. May your memories be a comfort in remembering Verna .... she was an active lady who took life seriously and worked hard at what she did. We were away so missed the opportunity to see all of you. Sincere condolences to all!

Durward & Phyllis Otterness Family - August 19, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Verna Mae Thoreson.



August 14, 2023 at 03:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Verna Mae Thoreson.

August 14, 2023 at 03:26 PM

PS

“ This wonderful and kind lady and Aunt will always be remembered with a smile. We’re sorry we cannot make it to either of the services as we will be on a little trip, but we will be thinking of you all. Blessed be her memory.  
Paul and Cherie Storhoff

Paul and Cherie Storhoff - August 13, 2023 at 05:20 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Verna Mae Thoreson.



August 11, 2023 at 03:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Verna Mae Thoreson.

August 11, 2023 at 03:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Verna Mae Thoreson.



August 10, 2023 at 09:44 PM

LA

“ In 1994, my brother, sister and I were on our way to SD to a family reunion. My brother just purchased a used truck and transmission broke down driving through Valley City. Waiting for parts for days, the only people I knew that I dared to call was Verna. She welcomed us in....of course with coffee, a bed and such a gracious hostess for us helpless souls until the truck got repaired. I never forgot it! Was always in awe of her hand made quilts!

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**Lois Anderson** - August 10, 2023 at 08:56 PM

GB

Verna and I would have coffee every morning at Bridgeview in valley city where she lived. I just love her and her music she play. We had some good times .I will miss her. Gail Buchanan

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**Gail Buchanan** - August 10, 2023 at 09:47 PM

CB

“ Our sympathy to Verna's family: She was sweet pleasnt lady who loved her family. She will be missed. Treasure the memories of her and the years you had her.

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**Chuck and Kaye Belzer** - August 10, 2023 at 07:18 PM