



Bertha Vorderbruggen

May 28, 1927 - May 14, 2018

Bertha A. Vorderbruggen - Long version

Funeral services for Bertha Anna Vorderbruggen age 90, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 18, at the Wadena Assembly of God Church, with Pastor Chuck Horsager presiding. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena. Visitation will resume at the church on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be at St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, Bluffton, MN.

Bertha A. Vorderbruggen, formerly of Wadena, passed away on Monday, May 14, 2018, at Perham Living Center, Perham, MN.

Bertha Anna (Geiser) Vorderbruggen was born May 28, 1927 to Gerhard "Jerry" Hubert & Mary Anna (Kaas) Geiser near Bluffton, MN. She attended St John's Catholic School in Bluffton. On May 16, 1950, she married Marvin M. Vorderbruggen. To this union thirteen children were born. They made their home west of Wadena. Several years later in 1974, Bertha moved to Moorhead with her eight youngest children. In 1976, Bertha returned to her hometown of Bluffton. After her children were raised she moved back to Wadena.

Bertha bravely faced many challenges. She was a strong courageous woman

and a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She went on to successfully complete nurses aid classes, and returned to school to get her GED. In 1987, she graduated from Wadena Tech School. She worked at various jobs, which included nursing homes, a cook at the Uptown Cafe, and also worked at the Wadena City Library.

Her faith in Jesus Christ and her love for her family kept her strong. She was a hard worker, a great cook and loved to spend time with her family. She enjoyed making quilts, as she did for many of her grandchildren. Please continue to share her love for life as she did. She will truly be missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her thirteen children, Sherry (Dave) Elhert of Moorhead, Larry (Roberta) Vorderbruggen of New York Mills, Denise (Gary) Hagen of Princeton, Darrel (Vi) Vorderbruggen of Henning, Carrol Dockham of Wadena, Mary Lou Moen of Phoenix, AZ, Marlene Mohelski of Moorhead, David Vorderbruggen of Saint Joseph, MO, Kenneth (Debbie) Vorderbruggen of Henning, Elsie Schmidt of Wadena, Joyce West of Plymouth, Sheila (John) Richardson of West Fargo, ND, Janet (Jim) Kern of Deer Creek; 27 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren; sister, Agnes (Bill) Wallace of Perham; and brother-in-law, Russ (Judy) Hoffman of Moorhead; along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gerhard & Mary Geiser; step-father, Sylvester Schwartz; sister, Rita Hoffman; and brother, Wilbert & sister-in-law Marion Geiser.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Cemetery Details

St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery

310 Main St.
Bluffton, MN 56518

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482

Visitation

MAY 18. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Assembly of God - Wadena
419 1st St. NW
Wadena, MN 56482

Service

MAY 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Assembly of God - Wadena
419 1st St. NW
Wadena, MN 56482

Tribute Wall

JO

“Joyce sent a virtual gift in memory of Bertha Vorderbruggen



Joyce - May 27, 2018 at 06:33 PM

JK

“Thank you to everyone who sent flowers, prayers and shared memories for my mom and my family. She will forever be in my heart.
Janet Kern

Janet Kern - May 19, 2018 at 11:25 AM

MP

“Matt & Missy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Bertha Vorderbruggen



Matt & Missy Peterson - May 17, 2018 at 11:29 AM

JK

Thank you

Janet Kern - May 19, 2018 at 11:29 AM

DH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Denise Hagen - May 17, 2018 at 11:21 AM

KS

“ Kim Schroeder lit a candle in memory of Bertha Vorderbruggen



Kim Schroeder - May 17, 2018 at 11:13 AM

JK

Thank you

Janet Kern - May 19, 2018 at 11:30 AM

HA

“ So sorry to hear about Bertha. I worked with her at the Uptown and we had many good times and laughs together. Usually had our lunch at the same time so we could visit. She was so proud of all her kids and talked about them a lot. She was a joy to work with. Helen



Helen Allee - May 17, 2018 at 08:33 AM

JK

Helen, My mom always enjoyed her time with you. Thank you for your kind words. Janet

Janet Kern - May 19, 2018 at 11:32 AM

HA

Thanks Janet, I really enjoyed the years we worked together. Helen

Helen Allee - May 23, 2018 at 11:26 AM

PS

“ *So very sorry for the loss of your dear mother ❤️ May the love and memories you all shared bring you peace in the time of sorrow.*

Pam wegscheid Schwartz - May 16, 2018 at 08:16 PM

JK

Thank you for the comforting words.

Janet Kern - May 19, 2018 at 11:35 AM

LB

*I am so sorry to hear about your Mom. She was a very Special Lady.
Love Laurene Becker*

Laurene Becker - May 21, 2018 at 01:52 PM

SP

“ *Sue Pauly lit a candle in memory of Bertha Vorderbruggen*



Sue Pauly - May 16, 2018 at 05:44 PM

JK

Thank you

Janet Kern - May 19, 2018 at 11:36 AM

DH

“ Darrell & Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Bertha Vorderbruggen



Darrell & Peggy Haman - May 16, 2018 at 05:36 PM

JP

“ Jerry And Kathy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Bertha Vorderbruggen



Jerry and Kathy Peterson - May 16, 2018 at 05:09 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bertha Vorderbruggen.



May 16, 2018 at 05:09 PM

LS

“ Lea And Mike Snyder lit a candle in memory of Bertha Vorderbruggen



Lea and Mike Snyder - May 16, 2018 at 01:47 PM



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Sheila Richardson - May 16, 2018 at 01:22 PM



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Joyce - May 16, 2018 at 12:05 PM



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Joyce - May 16, 2018 at 11:29 AM

JO

“ Joyce lit a candle in memory of Bertha Vorderbruggen



Joyce - May 16, 2018 at 11:26 AM

JO

Mom. . . gone from my life, but not from MY heart! I love you MOM!

Joyce - May 16, 2018 at 11:27 AM

GP

“ Geri Perala lit a candle in memory of Bertha Vorderbruggen



Geri perala - May 16, 2018 at 11:21 AM

RY

“ Rick & Linda Youngbauer lit a candle in memory of Bertha Vorderbruggen



Rick & linda Youngbauer - May 16, 2018 at 10:59 AM



“ Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Bertha Vorderbruggen.



May 16, 2018 at 10:27 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bertha Vorderbruggen.



May 15, 2018 at 09:32 PM

SS

“ I'd like to express my deepest sympathy to the family of Bertha Vorderbruggen. I'm so sorry for your loss. Sharon Shutts

Sharon Shutts - May 15, 2018 at 07:15 PM