



## Erma Grewe

July 7, 1926 - June 20, 2009

Funeral services for Erma Virginia Grewe of Bertha were held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bertha with Reverend Blake Rickbeil presiding. Erma passed away peacefully at the age of 82 years on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at the Touch of Home care home in Eagle Bend. Erma was born on July 7, 1926 to William and Louise (Rudloff) Mottaz at their home in Stowe Prairie Township, Todd County. She graduated from high school and on November 24, 1945, she was united in marriage with Delbert Arnold Grewe at St. John's Lutheran Church in Wadena. Together they operated their farm and raised their children just outside Bertha. Erma was active in her church and community as a cook and as a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ladies Aid and the Neighborhood Homemakers Club. After Delbert passed away on October 24, 1976, she cooked at school for several years and at Kapps Café for their smorgasbords. She enjoyed riding with Cindy Goepferd and Mary Robben to Bertha-Hewitt High School sporting events. The teams looked forward to her fresh baked cookies after the games. She also enjoyed quilting with the church ladies, gardening, and watching the Minnesota Twins. In June of 2008, she moved into Touch of Home and the lives of Pam and Carolyn in Eagle Bend where she received excellent loving care until her passing. She was preceded in death by her husband Delbert; parents William and Louise; brother Ray Mottaz and sister Velva McAllister. She is survived by her sons Ordell (Deb) of Morris and Lance (Laura) of Hewitt; daughters Janell (Walter) Packard of Bertha and Jolayne

(Lloyd) Elgin of Lake City; grandchildren Illa (Arnie) of Iowa, Russ of Bertha, Neil (Jennie) of Wisconsin, Mata (Bryon) of Breckinridge, Tabitha (Matt) of Bloomington, Todd of Morris, Marie (Chad) of Alexandria, Jacob (Jenna) of Fargo, Zane (Sarah) of Bertha, Aaron (Megan) of Fargo, Daisy (Gregg) of Alexandria, Nickolas of Hewitt and Zachary of Hewitt; 6 grandchildren; brothers-in-law Howard (MaryAnn) Hegarty of Arizona and Ralph Knudson of Wadena; and sisters-in-law Janet (Dave) Finley of Wadena, Iris (Ray) Erickson of Wadena and Adela Haurik of New York. Honorary Pallbearers were granddaughters Illa Roth, Mata Packard, Tabitha Herbranson, Marie Grewe and DaisyPackard. Pallbearers were grandsons Russ Packard, Neil Elgin, Todd Grewe, Aaron Elgin, Jacob Elgin, Zane Packard, Nickolas Grewe and Zachary Grewe. Interment was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Bartlett Township.

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ So very sorry to hear about Erma.  
She was a very special lady. And boy, could she bake some good  
desserts.  
She will be missed at the ball games.  
May God comfort your family through this tough time.

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**Sandy & Ray South** - June 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Grewe family, So sorry to hear about your Mom, my thoughts and  
prayers are with you - I remember everytime I wanted to ride bike to  
see my friends Randi Braaten or Laurie Truax I would have to call  
your Mom and ask her to put that dog in - I can't for the life of me  
remember his name but that dog did not like me.

*I also remember working with your mom at Kapp's Kafe - She made  
a great potato salad to go with the ham sandwich.*

*Take this time to celebrate your Mother's Life and know that she is  
in a good place.*

*Julie Gorghuber/Randel*

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**Julie Gorghuber/Randel** - June 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ My deepest sympathies are with the family of Erma. She was a  
person who always had good things to say of others.  
Erma will be missed at family gatherings. Marge C.

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**Marjorie Juergens Christensen** - June 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KD

“*Erma was someone who really loved life, especially when she was younger, she was always helping others, and enjoyed being involved with people. I really remember Kapps cafe smorgasbords, and I would always take your moms potato salad, it was so good, she was an excellent cook. She will really be missed, just remember my thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love Kathy*

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**kathy derby** - June 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM