



## Erma White

September 1, 1917 - July 7, 2009

Erma Vera White, of Verndale, MN, was born September 1, 1917 to James E. and Margaret M. (Rappensparger) Crabtree in Tenstrike. She passed away on Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at age 91, at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples. Erma attended Quiring School in Beltrami County. She was united in marriage with Leonard E. White on October 4, 1941 in Wadena. In the past she was employed at Baudora Nursery. She served as a member of the Women's Prayer Fellowship of the Verndale Alliance Church and the Hope Chapel Alliance Church. As a homemaker her hobbies and interests included gardening, sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, rug-making, candy-making and baking. She will be remembered as a loving Christian mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great grandmother. Erma was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard White in May 1995; her parents, James and Margaret Crabtree; daughter, Eva Steinkopf; brother, Everet Crabtree; and sisters, Martha TenEyck, Della Butts, and Eva Coe. She is survived by her sons, Charles (Donna) of Verndale, Gene (Linda) of Sebeka, and William (Connie) of Portland, OR; daughters, Inez (Kermit) Line , and Ruth (Randy) Steinkopf, both of Verndale; son-in-law, David Steinkopf of Champlin; 18 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren. Because of her love for the Lord she loved all her family from the eldest to the youngest, and all of her friends and neighbors. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 11, 2009 in the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Verndale with Pastors Daryl Jacobson and

Brian Harris officiating. Interment was in the Wing River Union Cemetery in rural Bluegrass. Honorary pallbearers were Erma's granddaughters, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Edwin White, Roger White, Leroy Line, Bradley Line, Daniel White, Jayson Steinkopf, Michael Steinkopf, and Leonard Steinkopf.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My best wishes go to the whole White family on the passing of one nice lady, Erma. She has been one of my longest clients, since 1982. I am sure she is with the Lord. My condolences to you all.*

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**Gene Retka** - July 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Ruth & family,  
I extend my sympathy to you & your family, at the home-going of your dear Mother. It is so hard to say good-bye, when you loved her so dearly. Just think, my dear Mom (Doris), & Erma are reunited ! Mom thought so much of Erma & Leonard, and enjoyed the time spent together visiting, quilting, and making rugs, and the always ready coffee pot, and cookies ! I have a beautiful blue rug which Erma made that my Mom gave to me, and then Mom always called you, "my Ruthie". She loved cleaning for you, and I have a gold dollar that you had given her. I know the Lord will give you the strength and grace for each day, as you will miss your Mom so very much. How assuring to know you will see her again in Heaven. Love in Christ, Janet Hatfield (Doris Eastman's daughter)*

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**Janet Hatfield** - July 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM