



Grace Westra

October 24, 1912 - April 14, 2017

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 21, at the West Lyons Township Cemetery, south of Nimrod, MN. Family and friends may gather at the cemetery on Friday one hour prior to the service. Grace, age 104, passed away on April 14, 2017 at the Fair Oaks Lodge, Wadena, MN.

Grace Harms Westra was born to Charles and Grace (Graba) Harmes on October 24, 1912, on their homestead in Meadow Township, Wadena County, MN. Two brothers Lawrence and Alan completed the family.

Grace graduated from Sebeka High School and finished her teacher training at Wadena Normal School and St. Cloud Teachers College, where she received her diploma. She taught school in Wadena County and later at Verndale Public School for three years. During the war Grace worked at Northwest Airlines, Holman Field in St. Paul. She installed oxygen in B24s.

After the war, Grace was united in marriage with Harley E. Westra on June 18, 1955, at her parents' home. In Zimmerman she helped Harley with his Foresters job by doing "tower duty". They were transferred to Backus where she worked as a part-time postal clerk. Upon Harley's death Grace moved to the Commercial Apartments in Wadena.

Grace enjoyed reading, and was a member of the Rebecca Lodge, Methodist

Women's Circle and the Wadena Senior Citizens group.

Grace was preceded in death by her husband Harley on December 16, 1987; her parents Charles and Grace; brothers Alan and Lawrence Harms; niece Dixie Lee Fosse; and great-nephew Kevin Fosse.

She is survived by her great-nephews Todd (Pamela) Fosse and family, Troy Fosse and family; along with Goddaughter Grace (Marlyn) Horton and family; and numerous cousins.

Pallbearers will be Todd Fosse, Troy Fosse, Charles Funk, Tyler Fosse and Jeremy Fosse.

Memorials may be directed to the American Red Cross.

Cemetery Details

West Lyons Cemetery

23067 Co Rd 9
Wadena Co Rds 9 & 26 - 16 miles north of
US Hwy 10

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

APR 21. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GP

“ I came to know Grace when both she and my Mother lived at 'the Commercial Apartments' and later at Fair Oaks. A quiet, modest woman with a lovely smile and a quiet wit. My condolences to her family. Gail Pierson



Gail Pierson - April 23, 2017 at 08:42 AM

TM

“ What a gift to know and assist Grace, she was such a sweet person, she will be missed. Teresa Manselle LPN Fair Oaks Lodge



Teresa Manselle - April 19, 2017 at 08:49 AM

SP

“ Sandi Pratt lit a candle in memory of Grace Westra



Sandi Pratt - April 18, 2017 at 11:21 PM

SP

It was always very special to see Grace sitting outside of her room when I would leave Fair Oaks. She was always so friendly and always looked so beautiful. Sandi Pratt

Sandi Pratt - April 18, 2017 at 11:22 PM

BR

“ *Brittany/Val lit a candle in memory of Grace Westra*



Brittany/Val - April 18, 2017 at 04:34 PM

BV

“ *Brittany Dahlvang / Val lit a candle in memory of Grace Westra*



Brittany Dahlvang / Val - April 18, 2017 at 04:33 PM

GC

“ *Gladys Chase lit a candle in memory of Grace Westra*



Gladys Chase - April 18, 2017 at 07:54 AM

TK

“ *I truly enjoyed taking care of Grace when she and I were both at Fair Oaks Lodge. She always had a beautiful smile for me and made my days brighter. She will be missed! God's blessings to your family during this time!*

Tammie Klawitter - April 17, 2017 at 11:47 AM

TK

“ *Tammie Klawitter sent a virtual gift in memory of Grace Westra*



Tammie Klawitter - April 17, 2017 at 11:44 AM

TK

“ *I truly enjoyed taking care of Grace when we were both at Fair Oaks Lodge. She always had a smile for me. She will be missed!! God's Blessings to you during this time!*



Tammie Klawitter - April 17, 2017 at 11:43 AM

TO

“ *Sending prayers to Grace's family. She was truly a gem, and I am honored to have worked with her at Fair Oaks Lodge.*

Tiffany Orsello - April 17, 2017 at 09:53 AM

DA

“ *Di Schiller Anderson lit a candle in memory of Grace Westra*



Di Schiller Anderson - April 16, 2017 at 01:04 PM

DA

“ Grace so lived up to her name! I will cherish our many mini visits at Fair Oaks where she would be seated outside her room. Always gracious, never complaining, she was such a LADY! God bless our memories 🙏

Di Schillet Anderson - April 16, 2017 at 01:04 PM

RJ

“ I will miss seeing Grace sitting in her wheelchair by her room at Fair Oaks. For years she was such a pleasant picture sitting so peacefully and always had a smile when I greeted her. She was a beautiful woman and I always wished I had known her in her younger days. May God bless her with peace and eternal life now.

Rose Johnson - April 16, 2017 at 08:32 AM

SB

“ We will truly miss Grace! She was very special to me as her hair designer! You get to know people pretty well when they are a weekly client! She was a lovely lady!

Shirley Van Batavia



Shirley Van Batavia - April 16, 2017 at 08:19 AM