



## Lillian Sommars

April 18, 1924 - May 5, 2013

Funeral services for Lillian Sommars of Cambridge, and formerly a resident of Verndale, will be held at 12:00 noon, on Friday, May 10, 2013 at the United Methodist Church in Verndale, with Judy Wilder presiding. Friends may call one hour prior to service at the church on Friday. Lillian passed away at the age of 89 years on May 4, 2013 at GracePointe Crossing Commons Assisted Living in Cambridge, MN.

Lillian Ruth Eckert was born on April 18, 1924 to Herman and Mary (Frieze) Eckert in Sebeka, MN.

Lillian and Donald Sommars were united in marriage on February 23, 1942 in Sebeka. They raised their family on their farm south of Verndale. As a homemaker she enjoyed sewing and crocheting which provided afghans for her family and many outfits for Cabbage Patch dolls and Barbie dolls. She loved gardening, especially in her beautiful large flower gardens. Lillian was a member of the Garden Club and exhibited flowers at the County Fair. She loved her grandchildren, who always enjoyed her freezer full of pies, cookies and doughnuts. Lillian was a 4-H leader, volunteered for many church activities, played the piano by ear, made countless crafts, and worked side-by-side with Don on the farm.

Lillian and Donald loved to dance, with a fondness for square dancing, and

they enjoyed hours and hours of playing cards with family and friends. By 1976, they sold the farm, keeping a small acreage to build their home and raise commercial asparagus. Due to Lillian's health, the couple moved into Verndale in 1990, then on to Cambridge for assisted living near family members.

Lillian was preceded in death by her husband Don on March 22, 2013: her parents; and brother Lloyd Eckert.

She is survived by her sons Wayne (Jane) of Cambridge, and Dennis (Robin) of South Haven; seven grandchildren Tony (Becky) Sommars, Kristin (Michael) Ruetten, Carrie (Michael) Maruska, Randon Sommars, Melinda (Randall) Fennert, Manda Sommars, and Cassandra (Nathan) Marks; nine great-grandchildren & one great-great-grandchild; and brothers Donald (Carol), Eldon (Jean), Lavern (Joanne) and Edwin (Barbara).

Honorary pallbearer will be Randon Sommars. Serving as pallbearers will be Marvin Runyan, Jim Runyan, Ralph Stone, David Orlando, Len Seglar and Tony Sommars.

Burial will be next to her husband in Greenlawn Cemetery in Verndale.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Lawn Cemetery

16277 120th Street  
1st Ave./ Co Rd 104 (1 mile west of Verndale)  
Verndale, MN 56481

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 10.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church - Verndale  
213 Farwell Street S  
Verndale, MN 56481

## Service

**MAY 10.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Dave And Julie Orlando lit a candle in memory of Lillian Sommars



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**Dave and Julie Orlando** - May 08, 2013 at 09:35 PM

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“ Many of my hostas and garden flowers were gifts from Lillian. She is gone now, but they will grow and bloom again for me as a gentle reminder of our friendship. She gave me lots of good gardening advice too, Such as "never wear knee pads when pulling weeds 'cause your knees are great devices for finding rocks in your garden". She was so much fun, so thoughtful, and just so wonderful. I suspect many things this season will be watered with my tears. Miss them both more than words can say.



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**Sally Schaffhausen** - May 07, 2013 at 08:05 PM

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“ Lee And Linda lit a candle in memory of Lillian Sommars



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**Lee and Linda** - May 07, 2013 at 10:22 AM