



Vera Dovenmuehle

May 16, 1926 - May 21, 2011

Former Wadena resident, Elvera “Vera” Ann Dovenmuehle was born on May 16, 1926 to Walter G. and Anna C. (Ziegenhagen) Schmidt in Bertha, MN. She died on May 21, 2011, at the age of 85 years, at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena, while under the care of Tri-County Hospital Hospice. Elvera Schmidt was united in marriage with Arnold W. Dovenmuehle on July 16, 1948 in Wadena. They raised nine children. She worked at the Wadena Clinic for Dr. Murtaugh and Dr. Witter, and later as a night supervisor and director of Nursing at Tri-County Hospital. Vera attained her Master in Business Degree at the University of San Francisco, CA in 1980. She was employed as a Nursing Supervisor at Kaiser Permanente Hospital, until her retirement in 1991. Vera was an avid reader who also found time to paint, and garden. She especially loved to cook for her family, spend time with her grandchildren, and share in all the family gatherings. Vera was preceded in death by her parents Walter and Anna. She is survived by her sons, Tom (Wendy) of St. Louis Park, Stephen (Diane) of Santa Clara, CA, Bruce of Crosslake, Darrell and Donald, both of Perham, Jeff (Vicki) of Beloit, WI, and Jerry (Karen) of Brooklyn Center; daughters, Kathleen (Henning) Egner of Lexington, KY, and Linda (Ken) Stoddard of Dublin, Ca; 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; her brother Laverne (Flo) Schmidt of Marshfield, MO, and her sister Jean (Ron) Johnson of Kerkhoven. A time to visit with family and friends will be held on June 3, 2011 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Johnson Memorial Home in Wadena. At Vera’s request, services will not be held.

Tribute Wall

LS

“ My mother was the most beautiful woman I have known. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her. Mom you will always be in my heart, I know you will be with Sarah and Stephanie in their journeys through life. Love and miss you always.

Linda Stoddard - May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ Our family was so very lucky to have Vera in our lives! When Linda married my brother we were delighted have the Dovenmuehle clan added to the mix. Vera played a huge role in the California family events with her warm-hearted companionship, stories of Minnesota (especially the winters), world class macaroni salad, and home grown vegetables. Her presence will be sorely missed (but not forgotten) by our entire family.

ERic, Cecilia, Janelle & Jennifer Diethelm - May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ I am sorry to hear Vera passed away. I worked for her at Wesley Hospital in the 70's and always respected her. I also worked with Tom during that time and my twin sister, Wanda (Heern) Marquardt and I graduated with Kathy.
You will all be in our hearts and prayers during this time.
Our sincere sympathy.....
Donna Trana

Donna (Heern) Trana - May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Only daughter of Steven. "Nanna" Vera raised me from birth to eleven years old. She is the only and true mother to me. I love you Nanna so much and we will see each other again in the Kingdom of God. You have 5 great grand-children of which two you have met since when we lived together in 1991-1995.

Marcus is now 19

Gabriela is now 17

Alejandra is now 7

Esmeralda is now 2

Liliana is now 1

Love you and miss you so much.

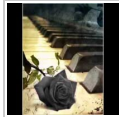
Jody

Jody Lyn Dovenmuehle - May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JO

I love you and miss you so much Nanna 😞.

Jody - December 27, 2025 at 05:48 PM



I can't believe it has been 15 years since you left. You have another great granddaughter Catalina Ruby, she turned 13 on May 13, 2026. Today, Esmeralda graduates military camp, and Liliana is graduating the 10th grade at 16 years old. Oh my gosh, there is so much to tell you. I miss you every day. Love you 💜

Sparrow Calling - June 10 at 12:29 PM

RD

“ Grandma,
I will miss you so much! I will forever keep your memory in my heart.
I am so thankful that Olivia & Christian had the chance to meet you.
They have been talking about you & the lake since last summer!
You inspired Olivia to start painting. Hope you liked her painting. We
will continue to visit the lake each year & add something special to
your garden!
Love always,
Becky, Olivia, Christian

Rebecca Delgado - May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I was saddened to see the notice of Alvera's death when I viewed
the Johnson Memorial Home's website.
The last I knew she was living in California. I knew her through her
sister, Jean, and children Linda and Jerry.
I also have memories of her taking care of me at Wesley Hospital at
one time.
When Jean and I spent time together in junior high I was so
impressed to see a photo of Alvera in her white
starched cap and white uniform proudly displayed in the living room
at the Schmidt home. Her recent photo
is so reminiscent of her mother and dad.
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Mary Ellen Kennedy Kollodge - May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Mom,
I will always have you in my heart. To have a Mother that was there
not only in my childhood but also in my adult years has been a
blessing in my life. I am going to miss you so much.
I love you Mom

Jeff Dovenmuehle - May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LB

“*Bruce, I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved Mother. May you find peace in the wonderful memories. Blessing to you and your family. Love, Lori*

Lori Burczyk - May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM