



## Verna Derby

December 19, 1919 - March 22, 2012

Verna Derby was born the third daughter to Anton and Olga (Lindblad) Anderson on December 19, 1919 in Hewitt, MN. She attended the Hewitt Public School graduating with the class of 1937. Verna Anderson and Bazil Derby were married on March 4, 1940 at the United Methodist Church in Wadena. They lived on their farm southwest of Verndale where she filled her days caring for her family. In the spring of 1973 they moved into Verndale and then to Fair Oaks in December 2001. She experienced a lifetime of rheumatoid arthritis but always had a smile on her face. She was a member of the Verndale United Methodist Ladies Aid, Country Garden Club in Verndale, and Merry Bellas Homemakers Club. In her free time she enjoyed playing cards, reading, gardening, and visiting with family and friends. Verna passed away at the age of 92 on March 22, 2012 at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena. She was preceded in death by her husband Bazil on April 28, 2004; parents Anton and Olga; son Larry; sisters Lillie Gunn and Ruby Rowe. She is survived by her son Gerald of Minocqua, WI; daughter Muriel (Jim) Weber of St. Paul; three grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and six step-great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 30, 2012 at the United Methodist Church in Verndale with Pastor Jill Pawlowski presiding. Honorary pallbearers will be her grandchildren Marley Trapp, Macey Trapp, and Aaron Derby. Pallbearers will be Sean Derby, Sydne Trapp, Tim Trapp, Marladene Heinen, Jim Derby, and Dan Osborn. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Verndale. The family thanks

all of the employees of Fair Oaks Lodge who kept Verna smiling.

# Tribute Wall

RW

“ We are so sorry to hear that this sweet lady & friend has passed away. Verna was always happy to see you and had a story to tell with a smile always on her face. This graciest woman will be missed

Richard & Julie Wambolt - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I will always remember Verna's smile & she would never complain about her pain. Verna loved it when our girls would stop over to visit and they always came home with a treat! They loved to share their gardening secrets with us.

Michelle & Chuck Goddard - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I have wonderful memories of my Mother-in-law, Verna! She was always strong, thoughtful, and cheerful in spite of "Arthur" (as she referred to her arthritis.) You certainly didn't hear her complain about the pain she was in - she just moved on with her tasks in spite of it! I continually use my treasury of recipes she shared with me. They will be preserved in history as will countless fond memories of many family get-togethers. She loved her grandchildren and enjoyed their antics and watching them grow. She decorated the dollhouse that Bazil built for my daughter, being sure there were flowers in the miniature window boxes for sure! Her great-granddaughters now play with that heirloom and love it as much as Syd did! Verna has left her mark on all of us, and I'm sure she is still wearing a special smile for all who remain. You continue to be in our thoughts and prayers, Lovingly, T

T. (Mary) Schoeneberg - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Verna always had a beautiful smile and a warm caring heart. I so remember her coming from the beauty shop at Fair Oaks with her hair perfected and her ready smile to greet Betty and I one day. She didn't miss a beat to be the gracious lady that she always was. Our love and sympathy go out to her loving family.

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**Ralph and Naomi Stone** - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ I remember Verna as always having a smile no matter what; she always remembered us when we saw her. Always seemed to have a wonderful disposition.

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**Wayne Bretz** - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Verna gave me a most special gift in my life, her daughter know how special she was to my Step-Mom, her daughter, Murt, and that made her special to me. I will always treasure the smiles and stories both Murt and my Dad, Jim, would bring home with every visit!

*Blessings to all of Verna's family and friends.*

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**Mary Ellen Weber** - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Murt, so very sorry to learn of your mom's passing. She was a wonderful lady who always had a smile and a kind word! She will be missed but is now pain free and surrounded by friends and family!

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**Sandee (Seaton) Byrd** - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PZ

“ Verna was always a very nice person. I always looked forward to coming to her house to spend time with Murt. Often I found myself visiting with Verna. She had a great sense of humor and a loving attitude toward everyone. One time when I was visiting her in the Nursing Home, I told her that I had to go as my husband was waiting for me and she said, "Oh, just let him wait. I am enjoying this too much." I will never forget that. And what a lovely family she raised. Love to all. Penny

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**Penny Goche Zaphel** - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Despite her health, Verna always remained graceful and held a positive attitude. She never showed me even once that she was resentful. She set a very good example. Always acted like a lady and was thankful for gifts received. We used to trade them tomatoes for their grapes. They both liked fried green tomatoes and we liked trying to make wine...they were much more successful than we were. Good neighbors, good times. Bless them both.

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**Len Siegler, Sally Schaffhausen** - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ What a saint! Verna will always be remembered in our lives. she was so great to visit with...even if I couldn't always understand. But, she ALWAYS recognized us when we came by her at Fair Oaks. She is resting now...no more arthritis. Hallelujah!

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**Diane & Larry Hahn** - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM