



## Verna Mae Leyh

April 30, 1929 - September 6, 2023

The funeral service celebrating the life of VernaMae Leyh of Bertha, will be held at 2:00 p.m on Saturday, September 16, at the New Life Church of God with Pastor Jason Knoll presiding. Visitation will be held at the church on Saturday from 12:30p.m. until the time of the service.

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The service can be viewed by going to our facebook page for a live stream for a limited time.

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VernaMae, age 94, passed away on September 6, 2023, at the Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples, MN.

VernaMae Ruth Leyh was born to Sidney and Ruth (Zimmerman) Leyh on April 30, 1929, in their family home on the edge of Bertha. That home is still lived in to this day. As she grew, her faith was extremely important to her! She accepted Jesus into her life in her early teen years and tried to live out her faith daily. She attended Bertha Public School and graduated as one of the top in her class. After graduation, VernaMae obtained her teaching degree. She went on to teach the lower elementary grades in Minnesota and Canada. Next she moved to Idaho to be a receptionist at a hospital, and then to Long Prairie where she worked at Hart Press as a proofreader. After retiring, VernaMae moved back to Bertha with her parents and gave loving care to

them as they aged. While in Bertha she faithfully attended the New Life Church Of God, where her parents also attended.

VernaMae was very involved and passionate in teaching children about her Lord. In earlier years, she traveled around central MN putting on Vacation Bible Schools for children in various towns. At church she enjoyed teaching Release Time and VBS, and assisted for a time with AWANA helping kids learn Bible verses. She was active in The Missionary Society and had been the church historian. In the community, VernaMae was involved in the Historical Society (museum), the Community Chest, the Senior Citizens, a literary club, and the World Day of Prayer. She was so good at visiting those who were in nursing homes. One lady, in particular, was blessed to have Verna Mae read her mail to her as well as scripture. It was very hard on VernaMae when everything was shut down due to Covid in 2020. She greatly missed her social interactions with people and the life she had led. VernaMae went to A Daughter's Love in November 2022, and again enjoyed the community feel of being with a group of people and workers who cared for her.

Preceding VernaMae in death were her parents, Sidney and Ruth; brother, William; sister in law, Jean; and nephew, Gregg. She is survived by brother, Donald Leyh and sister, Mary Lou Lovegreen; sister in law Joyce Leyh; 13 nieces and nephews; along with many great nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Jon Speckeen, Dave Speckeen, Dan Speckeen, Tim Leyh, Steve Leyh, Dave Chaffin

Burial will be in Zion Cemetery in Bertha, MN.

# Cemetery Details

## Zion Cemetery

43815 County Road 1  
Bertha, MN 56437

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **16.** 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

New Life Church of God  
401 Main St. - West  
Bertha, MN 56437

## Service

SEP **16.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Verna Mae Leyh*



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**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - September 14, 2023 at 12:10 PM



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**Joanna Clausen** - October 02, 2023 at 02:39 PM

CB

“ *Conrad and Shirley Van Batavia*



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**Conrad and Shirley Van Batavia** - September 18, 2023 at 10:15 PM



“ *In 1958, VernaMae stayed with our family while Mother was ill. We grew to love her quiet laugh, her vigorous evening walks, and her patience with us four rather rambunctious kids. We even got to hear about her dating experiences with a local gentleman Dad introduced her to. Poor woman got no privacy, even sharing a bedroom with three little girls. She was a bright spot in a trying time for our family in Idaho. What a special cousin! We love her.*

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**Joanna Clausen** - September 15, 2023 at 03:42 PM



*Oh Joanna, thank you, so sweet!!!*

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**MaryLou Lovegreen** - September 18, 2023 at 04:04 PM

CD

*So sorry for your loss, and yet we know she is rejoicing with Jesus. Thank you for caring for your sister when she needed help.*

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**Char Dabill** - September 27, 2023 at 12:00 AM



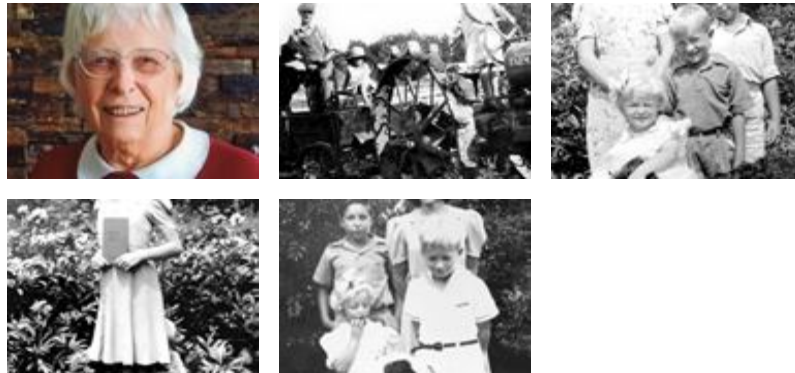
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**Joanna Clausen** - September 15, 2023 at 03:34 PM



“ 35 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - September 14, 2023 at 12:10 PM

CM

“ Had the opportunity to work with Verna Mae at Hart Press/Banta. Very nice Lady. Rest in peace. The race is run. God blessed us with you!

Carl Morrill - September 13, 2023 at 08:31 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Verna Mae Leyh.



September 12, 2023 at 12:46 PM

DC

“ Dale & Lois Captain lit a candle in memory of Verna Mae Leyh



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**Dale & Lois Captain** - September 10, 2023 at 08:53 PM

MB

“ Vern Mae loved to go to the concerts at the school. I loved going with her.

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**Mary Bofenkamp** - September 09, 2023 at 06:36 PM

DT

“ Diane Teigland lit a candle in memory of Verna Mae Leyh



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**Diane Teigland** - September 09, 2023 at 12:53 PM

WJ

“ Wilferd Shirley Johnson lit a candle in memory of Verna Mae Leyh



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**Wilferd & Shirley Johnson** - September 09, 2023 at 09:41 AM

NB

“ Neal & Leona Bowman lit a candle in memory of Verna Mae Leyh



Neal & Leona Bowman - September 08, 2023 at 07:39 PM

JS

“ She was the kindest person ... always saw her walking around Bertha. She loved to walk. My boys used to cut through her yard trying to skip school. She made them cookies had them helping her with something, and then would called me up . "Got your boys here helping me .... they're on their way back to school." They always and still brag up her cookies!



Judy Shultz - September 08, 2023 at 01:20 PM

LO

“ Sincere sympathies!

Lori Ostrowski - September 08, 2023 at 12:11 PM

RA

“ Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Verna Mae Leyh



Rita Anderson - September 08, 2023 at 11:14 AM

EQ

“ One of my favorite memories of Aunt Mae was when I asked her last fall to take this picture with me. She smiled and said “well that’s ridiculous.” Her contagious smile will be so missed.



Elizabeth Quance - September 07, 2023 at 10:27 PM

JB

“ John & Audrey Blashack lit a candle in memory of Verna Mae Leyh



John and Audrey Blashack - September 07, 2023 at 06:53 PM

DV

“ Dorothy Voge lit a candle in memory of Verna Mae Leyh



Dorothy Voge - September 07, 2023 at 06:04 PM

MS

“ Mike & Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Verna Mae Leyh



Mike and Lea Snyder - September 07, 2023 at 01:44 PM