



## Vida Sorum

September 28, 1912 - May 14, 2008

Vida Hearriette (Gordon) Sorum, age 95, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at the Staples Care Center. Vida was born September 29, 1912 in Metamora, Indiana, to Frederick and Anna Mary Gordon. She grew up and attended school at Inkster, ND. As a young woman she attended teachers college at Mayville ND. She was united in marriage to Oscar Sorum November 20, 1938, in North Wood, ND. They lived on-the-road for awhile, building bridges in ND and MN. In 1942, they moved to a farm in North Germany Township, Wadena County, where they farmed and God made them into very special parents for Dave, Rodger and Vida's brother's children, who needed them. Oscar continued to work on bridge building. They retired in 1968. After the farm, they both worked at Saint Paul Bible College for awhile. Then they moved to their last home in Wing River Township, Wadena County. Oscar passed away in Aug. of 1985. Vida continued to live in their home for nine more years, when she chose to move to the Mary Rondorf home in Staples MN. She lived there for thirteen years before breaking her hip July 12, 2007, which caused the move to the Care Center. She was always so thankful to the Lord for the good care she received from all the care-givers there. We want to give a special thank you to them and at the Lakewood Manor and Hospice for their kind and loving service to Vida. Vida was very active in the service of her Lord. She taught Sunday School and used her voice to praise the Lord and give her testimony for Him. She was a part of a wonderful Bible Study group for many years. She served

the Lord by ministering to others, loving and caring, with encouraging words and her smile welcomed all into her home. She was always ready to sew for and serve the many missionaries and pastors and their families. She was a member of the Hope Chapel Alliance Church. Vida will be lovingly remembered by her family and friends. She is survived by her two son's "families"; David Sorum Family; David Jr. Sorum, Camille Sorum; Rodger Sorum Family; Angie (Merlyn) Schwartz of Donnelly, MN, Tony (Wanda) Sorum of Oslo, MN , Mike (Heather) Sorum of Dwight, ND; her Sister, Jeanette Verwey of Tomah WI and her family; Helen Farina of Racine WI, Patrick Verwey of Las Vegas NV, Gerald Verwey of AR, Jeanette Winrick of Tomah WI; Oscar and Vida had provided a home for her brother's children in their years on the farm - - Dennis (Jeannine) Gordon of Verndale MN, Frances (Dean) Estabrooks of Nimrod MN, David "Leon" Gordon of Wadena MN; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends. Also, in 1997, Vida had the joy of meeting her Cousins from Sweden, who came to the US to visit her. She loved being a Grandmother and having a family to love and pray for. She was preceded in death by her parents, her loving husband Oscar, their two sons: Rodger Sorum in 1985 and David Sorum in 2001. Her brother, Leon Doel Gordon in 1945. And her granddaughter Teresa Lesmiester in 2004. Casket bearers; Rob Weiher, Jay Weiher, Bill Zondlo, Chuck Bimberg, Dennis White, Jim Ash, Honorary Casket bearers; Bob Fisher, Les Ash, Bob Johnson, Phillip Finc, Walter J. Swingen, Duane Sorum, Arnold Sorum, Paul Nolte, Kenneth Edin, Peter Nielson, Harold Milbradt Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Wed. May 21 at Hope Chapel Alliance Church, with Pastor Neal Malcore officiating. Visitation was held from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, May 20 at the Verndale Johnson Memorial Home and one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at the Wing River Union Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ *Vida was more like part of the family then just a friend, Dominick was very close to Vida and has many fond memories of great meals and visit to the old farm.*

*When we were married 30 years ago we went out to the farm and picked up Vida and Oscar and brought them to Dom's home for supper before we went to the First Alliance church to be married and then took them back out to the farm at 11pm that night, it was such a joy to have them part of such a special occiation.*

*She will always be remembered with fond memories.*

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**Dominick & Dorothy Cardillo** - May 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Have fond memories of friendship with David, Roger, Dennis, Frances and Leon. Always knew that Vida had a love for the Lord and young people. Give my best wishes to Family.*

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**Roy Milbradt** - May 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *I want to give tribute to my Aunt Vi. I will miss so much about my Aunt. Our telephone conversations when she would call me Reesie be the Squeesie or Moneybags. She called me money bags because when I was the only baby in the family and they put a bag around me and people would drop pennies in it. My Aunt was such a wonderful example of a Christian. The way she would help the many ministers that would come thru her home. The faithfulness of her church attendance Even till the end she was faithful to her Lord I will always love you Helen*

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**Helen Farina** - May 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ We pay tribute to a wonderful, caring, generous Godly woman, whom we'll always remember in that way. I'll (Diane) never forget a sweet experience with her over a Tupperward pitcher she had purchased from me. We had quite a laugh over the 3-piece seal that came apart, but she thought it had fallen apart and wanted a new seal! It was a precious incident that I'll always remember of her. Nothing of importance, but it still was a memorable moment of Vida and me. Thanks for letting us share! Diane and Larry Hahn

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**Diane & Larry Hahn** - May 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM