



Verna Lane Carpenter

December 27, 1944 - May 15, 2024

Verna Lane (Vossler) Carpenter went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, May 15th, 2024, at the Glendive Medical Center. Survivors include Rod, her husband of 55 years, her sister, Dorothy (Ken) Olson of Woodbury, MN; Niece, Melissa (Gautier) Subtil and her brother, Mark (Marsha) Vossler of Beaver Creek, OH; Nephew, Mitchell (Tara) Vossler. Brothers-in-law, Dick Carpenter of Mission Viejo, CA; Nieces, Sheridan Savio and Michelle (Joe) Wood, Robbie Carpenter of Glasgow, MT; sister-in-law, Karen (Darrell) White Eagle of Casper, WY; Nephews Richard White Eagle, Perry (Lori) White Eagle, and Jeff White Eagle. Verna was preceded in death by her parents, Marvin and Lenora, parents-in-law, Myron and Violet and sister-in-law, June Carpenter.

Verna was born December 27th, 1944, in Eureka, South Dakota, to Marvin and Lenora (Wahl) Vossler. She was raised in Ashley, North Dakota and graduated from High School in 1962. She then attended North Dakota State University in Fargo, ND, graduating in 1965. She would go on from there to a long teaching career from 1966-1997 in Steele, North Dakota, Wolf Point, Montana, and Glendive, Montana. On May 31, 1969, Verna married Rod Carpenter in Wolf Point, MT. After marrying they relocated to Glendive, MT. During her time at Washington Middle School, she taught many students who remembered her science classes as difficult but rewarding. Her demand for excellence from her students stayed with them in years to come. Her dedication to teaching was recognized with a first runner up nomination for

1990 Teacher of the Year. Verna was also an outstanding basketball coach at WMS for many years. Following her retirement from teaching, Verna worked 15 years for the National Assessment of Education Process. During that time, she trained men and women to administer testing tools in schools throughout the State of Montana.

Verna was an excellent seamstress, a dedicated homemaker, a great cook and entertainer. She was also community minded, being active in PEO, American Association of University Women, Book Club, and was secretary of the Frontier Gateway Museum. An avid reader, she visited the Public Library often. Her faith community was Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive, and it was there she was active as a deacon, church council officer, member of Sarah Bible Study Circle, the Women of the church, a leader in the SEARCH Bible Study series, helping teach Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, working the Fair Booth and chairing the Lutefisk Supper over the years. She was always reaching out to study and deepen her faith. Verna was diligent about remembering birthdays, baptisms, confirmations, and new babies usually with handmade items and kept in touch with her extended family on a regular basis. Rod and Verna enjoyed being together traveling, eating out with friends, and watching their athletic teams on television. For many years Verna was an announcer at track meets. Verna was a devoted fan of numerous teams, especially the Red Devils, WMS Demons and NDSU Bisons.

Perhaps the community of Glendive will best remember Verna for her years of walking both to and from school and then to the Post Office and back in the summertime. If she was able, she walked some every day. She and Rod included in their loving circle Trevor and Janna McCormick and their daughters Adison and Hannah, attending countless sporting and school events for the girls. Her friendships were long standing, including a group of high school friends who met yearly for weekend get aways.

She will be deeply missed by all who loved her. She rests in peace, safe in the arms of Jesus. May God bless her memory among us.

Donations may be made to the Glendive Public Library, Zion Lutheran Church,

or the Frontier Gateway Museum.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor Avis Anderson officiating. Silha

Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 4. 10:00 AM (MT)

Zion Lutheran Church
401 Riverview Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall

KA

“ Verna and Rod were my favorite middle school teachers. My fondest middle school memories are of playing basketball for Verna and being basketball manager for Rod. My deepest sympathies for Rod and all of the family.

Kelli (Boje) Alexander - May 31, 2024 at 11:37 PM

JM

“ Jay Miller lit a candle in memory of Verna Carpenter



Jay Miller - May 30, 2024 at 06:11 PM

BS

“ Verna gave so much to her students, church.organiizations ,communita and her friends. Her cheerful smile and warm greeting will always be remembered. Prayers are with Rod and family. community



Betty Shearer - May 28, 2024 at 10:00 PM

SR

“ I didn't really didn't get to know Verna until I was an adult. What a wonderful, pleasant woman! ❤️ I very much enjoyed running into her and catching up. She will be sorely missed. Thoughts and prayers are with you Rod. Verna was a gem.

Sandy Raney - May 27, 2024 at 12:03 PM



“ Mom told me Verna passed and I am so sorry to hear that. You two were always my favorites when I was in middle school and as I got older and was acquainted with you as an adult, it always struck me you were such a lovely couple. I'll be thinking of you and praying for you in this difficult time. Bonnie Carpenter Johnshoy

Bonnie Johnshoy - May 26, 2024 at 01:53 PM

KM

Verna was such an outstanding lady! She and Rod made the greatest life long partners!

Kevin McGovern - May 30, 2024 at 10:31 AM

BH

“ Rod, Our thoughts and prayers are with you through these sad days. We so enjoyed our visits with you and Verna. She had unwavering faith and now she is in the Glory of Heaven. God and His angels hold you tight.

Bill and Rita Hanley - May 26, 2024 at 10:16 AM

TP

“ Hands down one of the best teachers. They don't make them like her anymore. Mrs. Carpenter was a tru gem.

Condolences to her family.

Tanna Puleo - May 25, 2024 at 07:02 PM

JH

“ We were saddened to hear about the loss of Verna. Please know you and your family are in our Prayers during this difficult time. I am reminded of the words of George Bernard Shaw who said "Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself." Verna created a beautiful legacy of creating herself! God Bless you! Jeff and Judy Helfenstein

Jeffrey Helfenstein - May 22, 2024 at 12:14 PM

AF

“ Ann (Hathaway) Frazer lit a candle in memory of Verna Carpenter



Ann (Hathaway) Frazer - May 21, 2024 at 10:27 PM

KP

“ Krista Newton Page lit a candle in memory of Verna Carpenter



Krista Newton Page - May 21, 2024 at 10:06 PM

KC

“ Rod, I am so sorry for the loss of your wife, Verna. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Kim Coffman

Kim Coffman - May 21, 2024 at 01:38 PM

JJ

“ I was so saddened to read of Verna's passing. She was a wonderful person and a good friend. Time spent visiting with Rod and Verna has always been filled with lively conversation and much laughter. Rod, we hold you close to our hearts as you deal with this great loss.

Judy and Larry Jens - May 20, 2024 at 10:14 AM

LI

“ Sending prayers to you Rod....Verna was such a sweet lady.
Gary and Lynn Ingraham



Lynn Ingraham - May 19, 2024 at 11:06 PM

JJ

“ I was so saddened to read this. Verna was a wonderful person and a good friend, Larry and I never laughed as much as we did when we were around Rod and Verna. Our phone visits were even filled with laughter. What a sweet lady. We will miss her.

Judy and Larry Jens - May 18, 2024 at 10:13 AM

AS

“ I had her for a teacher in junior high. I always said English was my second language. I would go to her desk to ask her a question and I would start it off by saying "this here or that there" she kept sending me back to my desk until I asked the question properly. Tuff but fair. She'll be missed.

Annie Utgaard Schafer - May 17, 2024 at 12:57 PM

KW

“ *A classy, caring lady! We will miss her !*

Kent Wangsness

Kent Wangsness - May 17, 2024 at 12:42 PM

NK

“ *NANCY KORB lit a candle in memory of Verna Carpenter*



NANCY KORB - May 17, 2024 at 10:46 AM

DZ

“ *Rod, we offer our sincere condolences to you. May God give you comfort and peace in the coming days.*



Don and Penny Zimmerman - May 16, 2024 at 10:45 PM

SD

“ *Our condolences to Verna's family. She always had a smile and a very sweet disposition. Prayers for you.*

Scott and Darcy Duke

Scott Darcy Duke - May 16, 2024 at 10:29 PM

GE

“ Grace Koffler Evinrude lit a candle in memory of Verna Carpenter



Grace Koffler Evinrude - May 16, 2024 at 09:03 PM

TH

“ Tracey Hughes-Sand lit a candle in memory of Verna Carpenter



Tracey Hughes-Sand - May 16, 2024 at 08:40 PM

BK

“ Bonita Keel lit a candle in memory of Verna Carpenter



Bonita Keel - May 16, 2024 at 03:24 PM

BT

“ Carpenter Family. I'm so sorry to hear about Verna! She was my Science teacher in 8th grade. She was a wonderful kind person! She will be missed!
RIP Mrs Carpenter!
Becky (Chouinard) Tipton



Becky Tipton - May 16, 2024 at 03:09 PM

BS

“ *Bob and Kristie Stanhooe lit a candle in memory of Verna Carpenter*



Bob and Kristie Stanhooe - May 16, 2024 at 03:02 PM

TB

“ *So sorry to hear of Verna's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers Rod.*



Tonya Bruner - May 16, 2024 at 02:56 PM

GC

“ *So sorry to see Verna had passed 😞 such a grand, kind lady, she will be missed!!!*

Geri Cullinan - May 16, 2024 at 01:01 PM

LS

*Rod & Family,
So sorry about your loss of Verna. My thoughts & prayers are with your family at this difficult time in your lives.*

Laura Sevier - May 19, 2024 at 07:47 PM

MM

“ *Marla McCormick lit a candle in memory of Verna Carpenter*



Marla McCormick - May 16, 2024 at 12:14 PM

KS

“ Karen Schock lit a candle in memory of Verna Carpenter



Karen Schock - May 16, 2024 at 11:09 AM

AG

“ I am so sorry about Mrs Carpenter. Mrs Carpenter was my 7th and 8th grade home economics teacher. Years later she told me she learned a few things from me when I was in her classes. She was sure to say hello whenever I would see her out and about.. Mrs Carpenter may you rest in peace. Teach some home economics up there. Soar with those big beautiful wings God has given you. You all have my deepest sympathy and condolences.



Arlene Gieser - May 16, 2024 at 02:14 AM

AM

“ Amber McPherson lit a candle in memory of Verna Carpenter



Amber McPherson - May 16, 2024 at 02:05 AM

KM

Verna a great, kind and loving gal! She touched so many lives'

Kevin McGovern - May 16, 2024 at 09:20 PM



“ *Clarice Utgaard lit a candle in memory of Verna Carpenter* ”



Clarice Utgaard - May 15, 2024 at 11:49 PM