



## Virginia Carol Bares

February 16, 1944 - September 15, 2021

Our dear Virginia C. Bares, age 77, of Beach, ND passed away in the early morning hours of Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux, MT. Visitation will be held from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM with a Vigil Service at 7:00 PM on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at St. John's Catholic Church in Beach. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, September 20, 2021 at St. John's Catholic Church with Father Dan Berg officiating. Rite of Committal will take place at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in Sentinel Butte, ND. Silha Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Virginia was born to Paul and Helen (Lemire) Wehrman on February 16, 1944 and was the second youngest of nine children. Virginia grew up on the family ranch on Garner Creek south of Sentinel Butte where she loved to ride horse. She attended grade school in Golva, ND and graduated from Priory High School in Bismarck, ND with the class of 1962. Virginia received her teaching degree from Mary College in Bismarck, and student taught in Mott, ND. Virginia married her childhood friend, Irvin Bares, on August 20, 1966 in Golva and began teaching in Elgin, ND where Irvin was teaching Vocational Agriculture. Virginia and Irvin left teaching to take over the Bares family farm east of Beach. It is here she raised and nurtured eight children. Once the kids got older, Virginia re-entered the work force as a substitute teacher. She was elected to be Superintendent of Schools for Golden Valley County in 1989. Virginia was additionally appointed to the same position for Billings County in

1993, retiring from both in 2010.

Virginia was a devout Catholic and was glad to share her beliefs with others. She was active in her parish with the Catholic Daughters and the St. Anne's Guild. She spent many years teaching CCD, reading at Mass, and adoration chapel. Virginia was an avid reader, sewer, and spent many hours tending to large family gardens. As a hardworking farm wife, she spent many hours in the kitchen baking, preserving, and making hearty meals for the family. Caring for the baby chicks and orphaned lambs every spring was another specialty of hers. Her involvement in This 'n That Homemakers club allowed a monthly escape from her duties!

Virginia is survived by her husband of fifty-five years, Irvin Bares; her children[grandchildren] Dan (Denise) of Bismarck [Zachary, Jacob, Noah]; Mark (Stephanie) of West Fargo, ND [Nicholas, Brayden, Makenna]; Monique (Dennis) Heizelman of Rapid City, SD [Dyson, Destinee, Drake, Dixon]; James of Grand Rapids, MI [Hunter, Chloe, Riley, Dalanie]; Bonita (Eric) Gorghuber of Garfield, MN [Mason]; Robert (Michele Anthony) of Johnston, IA [Gavin, Landon]; Elizabeth (William III) Greenwood of Cascade, MT; and David of Sentinel Butte; her siblings, Theresa Burns of Portland, OR, Joann Schillo of Bismarck, Dorothy Holt of Vancouver, BC, Canada; her sisters-in-law, Millie Wehrman of Billings, MT, Jeanne Wehrman of Bismarck; and many nieces and nephews.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, Helen and Paul Wehrman; her brothers, George, Eugene, Gerhardt, Raymond and sister, Mary Maddox; her brothers-in-law, Jan Burns, Dick Holt, Joseph Schillo, Dace Maddox and sister-in-law, Alison Wehrman.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 19. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
162 2nd Avenue Northeast  
Beach, ND 58621

## Vigil Service

SEP 19. 7:00 PM (MT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
162 2nd Avenue Northeast  
Beach, ND 58621

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 20. 11:00 AM (MT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
162 2nd Avenue Northeast  
Beach, ND 58621

# Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia Carol Bares*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *We are so sorry for the loss of our aunt Virginia. All the family is in our thoughts and prayers. Take care. We are thinking of you. The Wehrman Family (Mildred, Joe and Tammy)*

**Tammy** - September 25, 2021 at 05:58 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Virginia's family. She was a very special lady. I had the privilege of working with her at the Golva School. She was such a sweet person and had a great smile. She will be missed.*

**Paul and Carol Finneman** - September 19, 2021 at 11:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia Carol Bares.*



September 19, 2021 at 03:04 PM

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“ My condolences to the family. I met Virginia when she was the superintendent in Billings County. She was always so nice to visit with. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.  
*Liz Odermann*

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**Liz Odermann** - September 18, 2021 at 11:01 PM

TV

“ The VanVleets purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Virginia Carol Bares.



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**The VanVleets** - September 18, 2021 at 01:48 PM

BF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones during this very difficult time! May you find comfort and peace in all your beautiful memories of your Mom/Grandma! Bill and Judy

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**Bill and Judy French** - September 18, 2021 at 09:43 AM

DN

“ May God be with you at this time Marie and Don Nistler

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**Don Nistler** - September 18, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Virginia Carol Bares.



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September 17, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Virginia Carol Bares.



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September 17, 2021 at 05:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Virginia Carol Bares.



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September 17, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ *JDF Product Leadership Team* purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Virginia Carol Bares.



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**JDF Product Leadership Team** - September 17, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ *To the family of Virginia Bares you have my deepest condolences*

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**maurice Lardy** - September 17, 2021 at 11:24 AM

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“ Darrell, Helen, Jeff, Jodi, Steve & Lori purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Virginia Carol Bares.



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**Darrell, Helen, Jeff, Jodi, Steve & Lori** - September 17, 2021 at 01:05 AM

CD

“ Virginia and I were friends at college and in life. I was an attendant at their wedding. Virginia and I had lunch together 5 years ago. We reminisced and had some chuckles. She spoke of her family and faith, a truly lovely woman. Carolyn Decker

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**Carolyn Decker** - September 16, 2021 at 05:03 PM

DE

“ My condolences to the family. I am so sorry for you loss. Deirdre White (Fahlstrom)

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**Deirdre** - September 16, 2021 at 10:47 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia Carol Bares.



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September 15, 2021 at 11:47 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Virginia Carol Bares.*



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September 15, 2021 at 10:54 PM



“ *Our sympathy to you and your family Irvin.*

*Paul & Patricia Thompson*

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**Paul Patricia Thompson** - September 15, 2021 at 10:23 PM