



Vera Sprunk

October 28, 1925 - April 2, 2020

Vera De Locia Sprunk, 94 years of age passed from this life to her heavenly home surrounded by her family at the Wesley Life Cottages in Pella. She was born October 28, 1925, in Ryder, North Dakota, the daughter of Albert and Elma Ronning Warner. She grew up in Ryder and as a young girl gave her heart to the Lord and served Him for the rest of her life. She graduated from high school with honors in Ryder. After graduation she moved to Minot where she worked for several years as a secretary and bookkeeper. Vera later moved to Fargo where she was employed as a secretary for the director of the state high school correspondence division on the state university campus.

Vera's joy and ministry in life was playing the piano, organ, and accordion. From her high school days on through life, she accompanied many soloists, church services, choirs, and played for countless weddings and funerals.

While living in Fargo, Vera met Ralph Sprunk, the two of them were married on June 30, 1962, in Fargo. Together the two of them ministered in their church and to the under privileged in Fargo. Following their marriage Ralph felt called to Vennard College in University Park, Iowa, to pursue further education. The two of them moved to University Park until Ralph completed school. Upon graduation, they moved to Kansas City, where Ralph enrolled in the Nazarene Theological Seminary. While Ralph was busy studying and earning his Master of Divinity. Vera was working in the office of a Christian organization and earned her PHT (Putting Hubby Through) degree. It was there that their son Timothy was born on May 10, 1965. Following Ralph's graduation, they returned to University Park and Ralph worked for his alma mater, Vennard. Vera also worked for the school for many years. Later she took a job at the Church of the Nazarene in Oskaloosa as the secretary for the pastor and bookkeeper.

Vera enjoyed traveling with her family visiting many states. She especially enjoyed many trips to Colorado and North Dakota to visit family. A highlight for both Vera and Ralph was the trip they took to the Holy Land. On that trip they explored London, Israel, Greece, Lebanon, Damascus, Cypress, Egypt, and Jerusalem.

Vera enjoyed reading, knitting, crocheting, and quilting. The blessing she received was from reading God's word and for many years from a young girl on, she read the Bible through each year.

Vera loved spending time with her friends and her family, especially her grandchildren.

Those left to cherish her memory include her loving husband of over 57 years, Ralph Sprunk of Pella; her son and his wife, Tim and Loretta Sprunk of Pella; two grandchildren, Ryan (Crystal) Sprunk and Morgan Sprunk; three great grandchildren, Dylan, Alex, and Kinsley; three brothers in law, Reverend Luther Bergeland, Ronald Sprunk, and George Garland; three sisters in law, Mary Lou Cappelloni, Sister Mary Georgiana, Jane Jacobson; and many nieces and nephews.

Vera was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Lois Bergeland.

Due to the restrictions put in place by the Department of Public Health due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. A private family graveside service and burial will be in the University Park Cemetery. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Those wishing to view the graveside service can find a video of the service on Bates Funeral Chapel YouTube Channel. The family is hoping to have a celebration of life ceremony for Vera at a later date. Memorials may be made to Gateway Church of the Nazarene.

Comments



“ Vera was a dear friend and was always kind and loving. We enjoyed the Bible studies in our homes and the love both Ralph and Vera shared with us. Such a devoted couple and they loved their family so much. I am grateful to know and love them.

mary lou sedrel - April 08, 2020 at 11:42 AM



“ Vera was a beautiful piano player! I remember her from the rose hill community church...she will be missed!

lisa graham - April 04, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ Vera and I worked in the Nazarene Church (now Gateway Nazarene) office for 20+ years. Vera was always a very loving, pleasant co-worker and it was such a joy and pleasure to work alongside her all those years. May God's love and comfort wash over the family in these days.
Verjean Rexroth

Verjean Rexroth - April 03, 2020 at 03:54 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Ralph and Tim and the whole family. Vera was such a loving person .

Devona DeMoney - April 08, 2020 at 04:41 PM



“ Vera always had a smile and a kind word. I grew up in the Rose Hill church where they pastored for many years. Vera and Ralph will always hold a special part in my heart and my life. My heart felt Sympathies to you, Tim and Loretta, and the rest of your family.

Penny Jean Adams - April 03, 2020 at 02:32 PM