

Martha E. Siegle VanderVorst was born to Gottfried and Annetta Isaak Siegle on July 13, 1925 south of Pollock. She was educated in the Riverview School, Campbell County, SD and as a young girl was confirmed in the Pollock/Herreid Lutheran Church. She often spoke of her childhood growing up as the middle child with eleven loving brothers and sisters. She spoke of her early years working with her Dad and brother Adolph and riding the special family horse Beauty. During her life journey, she enjoyed time with each sibling during family reunions.

On April 25, 1949 she married Oliver H. VanderVorst in Eagle Butte, SD and they began a lifetime of farming. While in Eagle Butte, their children Donna, Rhonda, and Wayne were born, raised, and educated. Martha was an active member of the United Church of Christ and a longtime member of the Green Grass Extension Club. She enjoyed working with children in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and serving as a 4-H Club and Cub Scout Leader. July 1968 she was featured as Farm Wife of the Week by the Aberdeen American News.

In 1972 the VanderVorsts purchased a home in Gettysburg and in 1974 began farming in Potter County. Following marriage, she would spend the next fifty-one years farming with Oliver and her family. She was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Gettysburg and cooked in the Gettysburg Memorial Hospital for ten years. She was an accomplished German cook, baker and gardener and it was a given she would share a plate at the table. She enjoyed visiting with family and friends in her German language. April 2000 she suffered a major stroke and on July 13 she moved to the Oahe Care Center where she resided until November 14, 2011 when she moved to Firesteel Healthcare Center in Mitchell.

If Martha was to share today, her story to tell would be of the love she felt and the love she freely gave. Strong faith, a smile, honesty and sincerity would tell the story of accepting one day at a time.

Martha is survived by her children: Donna (Jerry) Wulf of Plankinton, Rhonda (Kelly) Dennis of Moorcroft, WY, and Wayne (Cathy) VanderVorst of Gettysburg; special friend, Melissa (Leland) LeBeau and family of Eagle Butte; brother, Ray (Jean) Siegle of Aberdeen; sister, Freda Hager of Fargo, ND; sisters-in-law, Marilyn Siegle of Citrus Heights, CA, and Betty VanderVorst of Pollock; nine grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren including: Kimberly (Michael) Beens, Chaz, Shaynie and Lacey; Karla (Pat) Morgan, Anthony, Whitney, Mitch, Patrick; Cody (Kristy) Dennis, Kayla, Alicia, Lindsey, Colby; Wade Dennis; Bill VanderVorst, Tanner; Mindy (Cody) Stotz, Brylee; Kyle, Brandon, Morgan VanderVorst. She also cherished her many nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Oliver in April 2000; Karla's husband A.W. "Bill" Baum III in 2005; brothers: William in infancy, Adolph and Robert; sisters and spouses: Edna (Art) Heckelsmiller, Esther (Henry) Giese, Helen (Art) Dienert, Ruth Siegle, Ernie (John) Braun, Lorraine Grote, Bessie (Jake) Fuhrer; and brothers-in-law: Mike Hager and Wilfred VanderVorst.

Memorials may be directed to the United Methodist Church in Gettysburg.

In Loving Memory



Martha VanderVorst

July 13, 1925 ~ April 29, 2013





I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God has laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard His call;
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with time of sorrow.
For I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life has been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee,
God wanted me now so **HE SET ME FREE.***

Arrangements Entrusted to:
Luce Funeral Home
www.familyfuneralhome.net

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Martha VanderVorst

*July 13, 1925
Pollock, South Dakota*

*April 29, 2013
Mitchell, South Dakota*

PRAYER SERVICE:

*7:00 P.M., Friday, May 3, 2013
Luce Funeral Home ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota*

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:

*2:00 P.M., Saturday, May 4, 2013
United Methodist Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota*

OFFICIATING: *Pastor Jeff Adel*

CASKETBEARERS:

*Bill VanderVorst Cody Stotz Wade Dennis
Kyle VanderVorst Cody Dennis Michael Beens
Brandon VanderVorst Pat Morgan*

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

*All of Martha's Family & Friends,
Oahe Care Center and Firesteel Healthcare Center Staff*

USHERS: *Rich LaRosh & Carletta Kilian*

ORGANIST: *Gail Larson*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS: *"Amazing Grace" "In the Garden"
"How Great Thou Art" "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

INTERMENT:
Gettysburg Cemetery ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota