



*Ephesians 5:1 & 2*

*Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children, and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

*He sees the master plan.*

*He holds the future in His hand.*

*So don't live as those who have no hope.*

*Our hope is found in Him.*

*We see the present clearly,*

*He sees the first and last.*

*And like a tapestry He's weaving you and me.*

*To someday be just like Him.*

*-Babbie Mason*



*In Loving Memory of*

# *Verda Hofer*

*June 15, 1934  
Yale, South Dakota*

*July 28, 2017  
Onida, South Dakota*

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:**

*11:00 a.m., Monday, July 31, 2017  
Grace Bible Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota*

**OFFICIATING:**

*Pastor Scott Crook and Stephen Knoble*

**CASKETBEARERS:**

<i>Garth Hofer</i>	<i>Greer Hofer</i>
<i>Blake Doerksen</i>	<i>Brooke Stucky</i>
<i>Blake Stucky</i>	<i>Lewis Hofer</i>
<i>Morris Hofer</i>	<i>Jill Hofer</i>

**USHERS:**

*Cody Ritter, Kelly Kirby, Bob Westphal*

**PIANIST:**

*Joan Hofer*

**MUSICIANS:**

*Keith and Vicki Heien, Lucy Vander Vorst,  
Cheryl Nelson, Garth Hofer, Lewis Hofer, Dar Hofer*

**HYMNS:**

*"Children of the Heavenly Father"  
"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

**INTERMENT:**

*2:00 p.m., Onida Cemetery, Onida, South Dakota*



*Gettysburg, South Dakota  
www.familyfuneralhome.net*

**Verda Hofer**, 83, of Onida, passed away Friday, July 28, 2017 at her home, surrounded by her family.

Verda Wedel was born June 15, 1934 on the family farm near Yale, South Dakota to Henry and Sarah (Hofer) Wedel. Verda attended country school and graduated from Huron High School in 1952. She also attended Huron College for two years and received her teaching certificate. On her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, Verda married Dwayne Hofer of Onida, at Bethel Church near Yale. Verda lived and worked beside Dwayne for the next 62 years as his faithful helpmate and partner in life.

Verda loved living on the farm. She had a passion for maintaining the yard and keeping a “weed free” garden. She enjoyed planting flowers, canning the produce from her garden and freezing sweet corn. A winter activity was ice skating with the kids, followed by Dwayne’s pancake supper. Verda was an excellent housekeeper and often spent Saturday cleaning house to prepare for Sunday dinner guests. She was a quiet, but wonderful hostess and cook; a perfect complement to her outgoing, social husband. She would effortlessly put a delicious meal on the table for family and friends alike.

Verda had a servant heart. She loved the Lord and the church. Verda taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and Wednesday night classes. She was active in Women’s Circle and was faithful to always be there for church cleaning days. Verda was active in the Gideons as an Auxiliary member and helped distribute Bibles. She was a student of God’s Word and participated in adult and women’s Bible studies. Verda enjoyed reading Bible stories to her children and grandchildren. Her goal was to live a life pleasing to the Lord and pass the knowledge of Jesus to her heirs and others.

Verda and Dwayne spent their retirement years wintering in Arizona. She was able to utilize her gift of hospitality in their Mesa home. They cherished the dear friends from across the country they made during those years.

Verda’s greatest joy was her children and grandchildren. Playing ball, board games, puzzles, cooking and crafting with the family was a treat for Grandma. She always kept track of everyone’s activities and attended when able.

Grateful for sharing her life are sons: Rick (Darlene), Marty (Margie), and Kevin (Joan); daughter: Karla (Randy) Doerksen; grandchildren: Garth Hofer, Greer Hofer, Blake Doerksen, Brooke (Blake) Stucky, Lewis Hofer, Morris Hofer, and Jill Hofer; brother: Sam (Belva) Wedel; sisters: Esther Neufeld, Mary Ann (Don) Jones; brother-in-law: LeRoy Hofer; sisters-in-law: Gladys Wedel, Goldie Wedel, and Beverly Wedel; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dwayne, on August 7, 2016; parents, Henry & Sarah Wedel; brothers: Herb (Lola), Toby, Palmer, and Wesley Wedel; sister: Martha Wedel; brother-in-law: Albert Neufeld; and sisters-in-law: Lois Wedel and Darlene Hofer.

## In Loving Memory



Verda Hofer

June 15, 1934 – July 28, 2017