

Erma Bertsch, 79, of Huron and formerly of the Tulare and Miller area, passed away Monday, January 4, 2016 at the Violet Tschetter Memorial Home in Huron.

Erma Jean Eads was born October 24, 1936 to H. Ray and Mable (Hoffman) Eads at Miller, SD youngest of three children. She married Eldon Bertsch July 16, 1958 at Huron, SD. They lived in Miller until 1962, when they moved to a farm north of St. Lawrence and in 1965 they moved to her parents' farm north of Vayland.

Erma loved the farm, children and animals especially dogs. She also liked to crochet. Besides raising five children and helping on the farm she worked four years at James Valley Nursing Home in Redfield prior to working 25 years at the Redfield State Hospital and school from which she retired in 1998. She remained on the farm until moving to an apartment in Huron in December of 2010. She made some great friends at the apartment complex and enjoyed her time there immensely.

Survivors include three sons: Paul (Marla) Bertsch of Lake Preston, Monte (Ann) Bertsch of Keene, Calif., and Mark Bertsch of Huron; two daughters: Charlene Kittelson of Yankton and Anita Bertsch (Frank Bargas) of Cortaro, Arizona; five grandchildren: LeAnn (Steven) Peterson, Matt Bertsch, Patrick Bertsch, Katrina Bargas, and Katelyn Bertsch; two great grandchildren: Shaelah and Kaylee Peterson; and two step great grandchildren, Ivy and Steven Peterson.

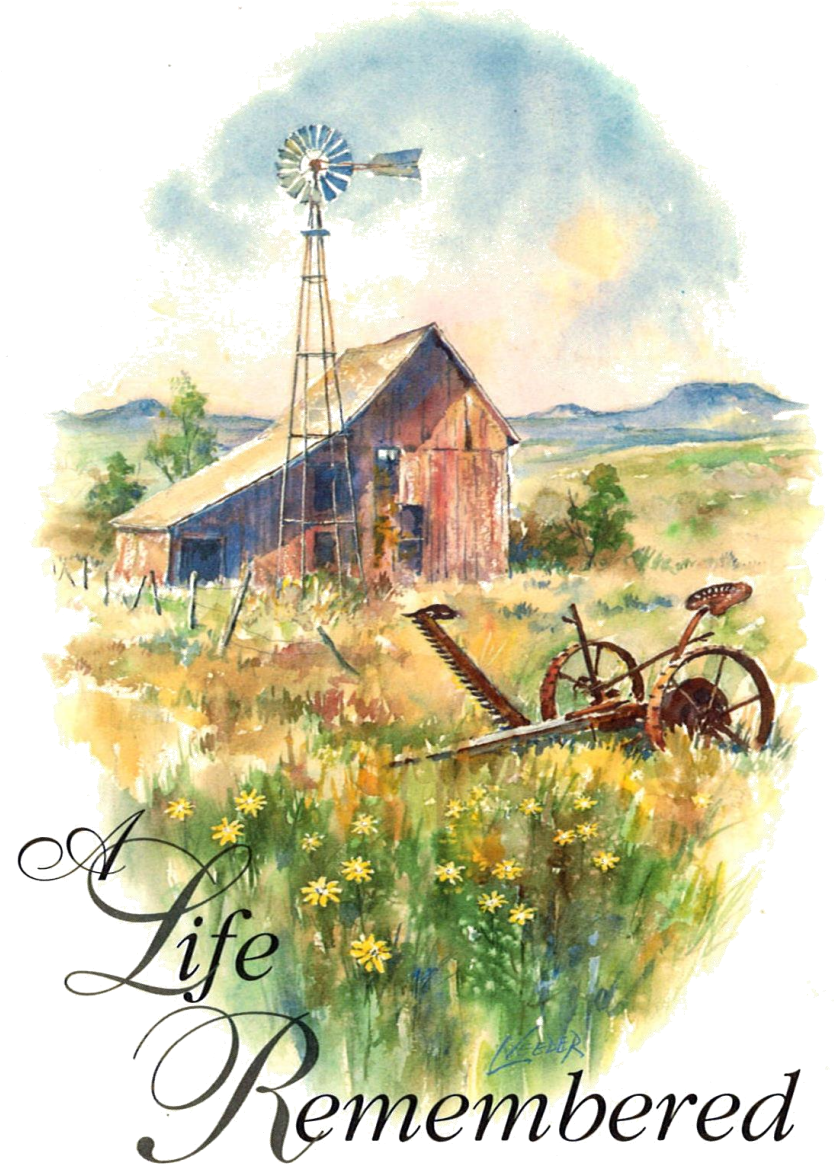
She was preceded in death by her parents; sister; Grace, brother, Vernon; infant daughter, Julia; and husband, Eldon.

Arrangements Entrusted To



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Mom and Grandma,

*I fell, and you picked me up,
I cried, and you wiped my tears
I was lost, and you brought me home
I wanted fame
and you were my audience.
I desired a friend,
and you were there.
I needed Love,
and you handed me your heart.*

We'll Love you always,

Love, your family

A Life Remembered

Erma Bertsch

October 24, 1936
Miller, South Dakota

January 4, 2016
Huron, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE:

2:00 p.m., January 11, 2016
First United Methodist Church
Miller, South Dakota

MINISTER: Rev. Matt Richards

CASKETBEARERS:

Matt Bertsch – Patrick Bertsch – Keith Jones
Ron Bertsch – Randy Bertsch – Shane Bertsch

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:

LeRoy Jones – Larry Jones
Katrina Bargas – LeAnn Peterson – Katelyn Bertsch

USHER: Eugene Moncur

PIANIST: Sandi Aymar

VOCALIST: Bobbi Larson
"In the Garden"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS:

"Amazing Grace"
"What a Friend We have In Jesus"

INTERMENT:

St. Lawrence Cemetery
St. Lawrence, South Dakota