



## Vera Gossel

September 3, 1916 - February 12, 2008

Vera M. Gossel, age 91, of Fort Collins, Colorado, died February 12, 2008. Cremation is planned and her ashes will be buried with those of her husband, in the Bridgewater Cemetery later this year. A memorial service will be held at 7:00 PM Wednesday, February 20th at Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Drive, Suite E, Fort Collins, CO. Another service will be held at 7:00 PM, Saturday, February 23rd at Kinzley Funeral Home in Salem, SD. Vera Zemke was born September 3, 1916 in Bridgewater, South Dakota to Henry and Katie Zemke. She grew up in Bridgewater and spent most of her life there as well. Vera was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, belonged to the WELCA Circle; the Funeral and Wedding committee; and also did volunteer mailings and was a member of the Moose Lodge Women #273. Vera married Alvin Gossell on September 30, 1937 in Salem, SD. They loved to dance and entertain at the Luther Manor. She loved to sew and be creative. She baked cakes for 30 years having worked in kitchens, other than her own, that include Beresford, as a house mother, and also in the café in Bartslow case in Spencer. She also did child care for many years. In the last years, Vera enjoyed attending and watching her grandson, Bryan race his Sprint car with all her family. And checking the Rocky Mountains to make sure they were still there and had not moved and the great sun sets and cook outs. And just enjoying LIFE to its greatest with that winning smile. Vera was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; and her brothers, Herman and Lloyd Zemke. She is survived by her two sons, Jerome R. Gossel of Bozeman, Montana and Jerald D. Gossel of Fort Collins, CO; three grandchildren Bryan Marc and Amanda Gossel; three great grandchildren Lane, Madysen, Austyn Gossel ; her sister, Elsie Waby of Sioux Falls, SD; and her brother Lloyd Zemke of Arco, Idaho; daughters-in-law, Cendi, wife of Bryan and Heather, wife of Marc; and "daughters in spirit" Shirley McCormick, Pat Kayser, Aimee Carls, Crisse McCormick, Rebecca Kayser and Kasey Vartels of Sioux Falls, SD.

# Comments

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“ Vera was a "Grand" Lady. She made me laugh, and taught me so much about Life and Long lasting Love. She was so much fun to have in all of our activity programs - She never missed a thing! She'll be missed dearly. I love you, Vera - Thankss for touching my life. I have a some pictures of her participating in various activities if you'd like them - Email me - Sharon

**Sharon Steinman** - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ My parents were Gene and Alice Hofer. I never knew your mother, but I can remember my mom talking about what a neat lady she was. I have been gone from Bridgewater 45 years and the name still is familiar, and one regarded with love and respect. We would like to extend our sympathy to your family. Mike and Delores Luze,Highmore, SD

**delores j luze** - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ There are so many memories about Aunt Vera that I feel it would be impossible to do them any justice here. I can not help but think of how proud she was to add that special touch to nearly any celebration with one of her beautiful cakes. I also look forward to that day when our families will be together with Grandpa and Grandma Gossel for a great family reunion. In the center of the table will be one of Aunt Vera's cakes.

My thoughts and prayers are with you, Jerome and Jerald.

**Glenda M Stephenson** - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Family of Vera Gossel, I also worked with both your mom and dad at the Woodfield Center, back a long time ago. I want to send my sympathy to you all, and God bless you.

**Vera Voog** - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Vera did bake beautiful cakes for every occasion she made our wedding cake among so many others. She did some awesome sewing. She made a runner that I still have on my TV cabinet and a little box that I think is made out of Christmas Cards. Alvin and Vera loved to dance and I remember they would dance for the residents at the

nursing home in Sioux Falls which pleased them and the residents. I was fortunate to be able to spend holidays and to visit with them the last few years with my Mom, Esther. Treasure the memories.

Sharon

**Sharon Carroll** - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ You have our deepest sympathy on the loss of your Mother, Jerald and Jerome. She was a talented classy lady and will be missed. We have so many memories of your Mother when our families were together. God Bless... Don and Jean

**Virjean Hadrick** - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ The ceremony in Salem was very nice and I will miss her. She was such a sweet lady and the last time I spent a day with her, we had such a great time, talking about when she and Alvin were young and how they and my parents went dancing and partying. My Mom always said Vera was like the sister she never had.

**Carol Krier** - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM