



Verna Anderson

July 19, 1942 - December 27, 2025

Verna Irene Anderson passed away on Saturday, December 27, 2025, at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo. A funeral will be held on Friday, January 2, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at G.A. Lutheran Church in Gwinner, N.D. with visitation starting at 2:00 p.m. Verna's service will be live streamed below.

Verna Irene Anderson was born in Oakes, N.D. on July 19, 1942 to Allwin and Millie (Cink) Anderson. She was raised on a farm near Stirum, N.D. and graduated from Gwinner Public School. Verna graduated with a teaching degree in 1962 from Valley City State Teachers College. She was united in marriage to Dean Anderson on August 25, 1962 and they made their home in Gwinner. She taught school for two years in Oakes, N.D. then at North Sargent Public School in Gwinner. She raised their two sons Jeff and Doug before returning to North Sargent School as the School Secretary. Verna devoted 25 years of service to the school's students, staff and the community until her retirement in 2004.

She spent many years helping organize the El Zagal Vikings Circus ad sales and running the charitable gaming operation. She took great pride in her attention to detail and beating the table dealing blackjack. She was involved in her community, serving on the Women of Gwinner and Stirum, G.A. Church WELCA and as a past Gwinner First Responder. She will be remembered for her spunk and sass, casino trips and crocheting, but above all, her immense love for family and friends.

Verna is survived by her husband Dean, sons Jeff (Donna) and Doug (Cheryl), grandchildren Courtney (Alex) Koepke, Carter (Grace) Anderson, Chase Lindberg and great-grandson Louden Koepke, a sister Audrey Claus, in-laws Ginny (Rob) Rader, Larry (Janet) Bartz and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Sharon Bartz, brothers Rodney (Connie) and DeLair, brother and sister-in-law Rodney and Ginger Utecht and nephew Jesse Utecht.