



Velma Trautmann

June 3, 1935 - November 14, 2013

Velma Trautmann, age 78 of Bismarck, formerly of Robinson died November 14, after a courageous battle with cancer. Services will be held at 11:00 am Friday, November 22, at Bethany Lutheran Church, Robinson, with Rev. Valerie Kinlan officiating. Burial will be in Bethany Cemetery, Robinson. Visitation will be held from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Thursday, November 21, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a prayer service will begin at 7:00 pm. Velma Evon was born June 3, 1935, to Peter C. and Mildred Mikkelsen-Haugen Hanson on the family farm. She was a confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church in 1949. Velma attended country school until 8th grade and finished her education at Robinson High School graduating in 1953. She attended Valley City Teacher's College and taught at the Clear Lake School House for two years. On August 28, 1955, she married Art Trautmann at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Robinson. They made their home on the family farm and lived there for 53 years until they moved to Bismarck in 2008. Velma enjoyed reading, quilting, walking and drinking coffee. She loved having her family together for holidays. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family and attending sporting events to cheer on her children, grandchildren and great granddaughter, Maisie. Velma spent many years listening to yodeling either from Art or Lanna. She enjoyed attending the Country Western Jamborees in Dickinson with Lanna. A memorable trip for Velma was to Norway in 1981 with the Valley City Troubadors as Lanna accompanied the group and yodeled during

intermission. As an added bonus, Velma saw the home country where her ancestors originated. Velma was an active participant in a number of Robinson activities, including teaching Sunday School, Ladies Aid, Truck Pulls, and Jubilee Celebrations. She was a behind-the-scenes partner, helping Art with his business for 44 years except during 1984-1994, when Velma could be seen behind the counter at Trautmann Sales. She was especially delighted and proud of organizing and planning the Hanson Reunion in 1997. Velma is survived by her husband Art of 58 years of marriage; three children and their spouses, Wes Cindy Trautmann, Robinson, LaDonna Bob Bowerman, Dawson, and Lanna Shawn Slaby, Jamestown; seven grandchildren, Casey John Patzner, Bismarck, Brett Bowerman, Bismarck, Brietta Kenn Iverson, Jamestown, Chase Trautmann, Robinson, Courtney Bo Riskedahl, Bismarck, and Molly and Abby Slaby, Jamestown; five great-grandchildren, Maisie Patzner, Brita and Braxton Bowerman, and Claire and Adley Iverson. She leaves behind two brothers, Peter Loretta Hanson, Bismarck, Jim Mary Lou Hanson, Robinson; one sister, Ardene Barth, Duluth, MN; one sister-in-law, Joyce Hanson, Robinson; one brother-in-law, William Trautmann, Robinson; one sister-in-law, Loretta GlenWhite, Mandan; and a special friend, Gladys Wick, Robinson. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Velma Dorothy Hanson and Norma Hinkel; one brother, Dale Hanson; two half-sisters, Clara Hongerholt and Josephine Landsverk; one grandson, Brock Bowerman; one sister-in-law, Judy Trautmann; and special friend, Merna Bowerman.

Tribute Wall

AB

“ I just read in the paper about the loss of your wife and mother. I was in the hospital the same time as Velma. I was so touched by your family and the pain all of you were going through. Art would sit by her side all day every day. You touched my heart and have been in my prayers. May she rest in peace, no more pain. Aggie Bernhardt

Aggie Bernhardt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ To the Trautmann Family: My family and I would like to express our deepest sympathy over the loss of Mrs. Trautmann. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. When we read Genesis 1:28 and 31, we find that sickness and death were not a part of God's original purpose. With this in mind, one thing that comforted me after the loss of my mother to cancer, is our Creator's plan to restore his original purpose and make it possible for all mankind including loved ones we have lost in death to live forever under perfect conditions. Revelation 21:3-5; John 5:28,29 It is our hope that these words bring you a measure of comfort during this difficult time. Once again, please accept our condolences as you deal with the loss of Mrs. Trautmann and contemplate the hope of seeing her again.

Elton Family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Matthew 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. May you find strength and comfort knowing Velma has gone home to be with her Lord and join other loved ones that have gone before her. Know we are thinking of all of you and sending our prayers and hugs of comfort. Remember all the good times with smiles and laughter. Velma will see the twinkle in all your eyes! Blessings.

Mike and Jennifer Bowerman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Sorry to hear of your mother's passing. May you know God's comfort in the days ahead.

Ron and Lisa Truax - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Dear Art and Family, We were sorry to see in the Bismarck Tribune that Velma passed away. We are sorry to say we will not be able to come to the service, but will be with you in Spirit. May God's Blessing be with you and the Family! Eugene and Arlene Morton

Gene and Arlene Morton - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Milton and Patty Albrecht - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY

WALT AND FRAN LLOYD - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ We send our heartfelt condolences to Art, Wes, LaDonna, Lanna and their families. We remember with fondness many dinners at the farm, houseboat trips to Leech Lake, and night crawlers on the outside of the basement refrigerator. The Trautmanns have been special friends for more than 40 years. Velma will be missed by us.

Chris and Julie Stein - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ So sorry to hear about Velma, my thoughts are with the entire family.

Nancy Morlock - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ My sympathy to friend and co-worker Lanna and her family. Velma looked like a beautiful, energetic, fun lady - just like her daughters! May God be your comfort and strength as you process this significant earthly loss but heavenly gain. How wonderful Heaven must be!

Deb Johnsen - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Art and Family...Please be comforted in knowing that Velma has found true PEACE! She was a great lady and we feel blessed having had the opportunity to know her. Her skills as a mother show in her family today. We regret not being able to attend any of her services, however, please know that we will be present in spirit and intend to be there for the family in the future.

Marilyn & Mike Smyth - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ So glad to be a small part of her life. I will greatly miss her.

Sarah - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ So sorry to hear that Velma passed away- she was a very kind women and will be missed my many. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

Jody Lee - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM