



Vivian Bauer

May 3, 1920 - April 28, 2009

Vivian R. Bauer, 88, Bismarck, died April 28, 2009, at Richardton Health Center. Services will be held at 10:30 am Friday at Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, with Rev. Merle Hoots officiating. Burial will be held in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Bismarck. Visitation will be held from 12:00 Noon until 8:00 pm Thursday at Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck, and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Vivian Ruth was born May 3, 1920, at McClusky, ND, the daughter of Peter and Annetta Haas Hoffman. She was raised and educated near McClusky. At the age of 16, Vivian ventured out to California where she worked in a cannery. She returned to McClusky in 1937, and married Alvin Bauer on September 3, 1938. In 1954, they moved to Bismarck where Vivian worked at J.C. Penney, Co., for over six years. In 1960, she began an eighteen year employment with Conlin's Furniture where she worked in the drapery department. She continued to do sideline sewing of draperies and clothing alterations, she claimed only to be "tired, not retired." Vivian was a member of Bismarck Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School, and was at one time the White Cross Chairperson and four year president of Women's Missionary Society. Her faith was strong. She believed in following the Lord's direction as much as humanly possible and keeping God close to her in prayer. Vivian was at peace being by herself, and spent many quiet hours reading the Bible. She was a member of Homemakers Club in and near McClusky, and at one time won first place in a sewing contest in Grand Forks, ND. She loved to sew, quilt, and cross-stitch, and was not one to

be idle. She also treated her family and friends to her good cooking and baked goods. She enjoyed reading, traveling, she and Alvin visited all but five states in the US, and listened to sacred music. Most important to Vivian was her family and friends. She believed in caring and sharing and exemplified this philosophy by always being available to others. Vivian deeply loved and will be greatly missed by those who survive her; her two daughters and sons-in-law, Dian and Dennis Dockter, Stewartville, MN, and Sheila and Jerry Auch, Bismarck, ND; her four grandchildren, LuEvan Padgett and her husband, Denny, Jodi Larson and her husband, James, Tammy Fish, and her husband, Mark, and Scott Auch and his wife, Liane; five great-grandchildren, Kylie and Jordan Padgett, Nicholas and Grace Larson and Emma Auch; her sister and brother-in-law, Margie and Harvey Lyman, Jamestown, ND; her two brothers and two sisters-in-law, Harvey and Alice Hoffman, Rugby, ND, and Robert and Corrine Hoffman, Baldwin, ND; many nieces and nephews, and many dear friends. Vivian was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Alvin; her brothers, Walter and Herbert Hoffman; baby brother, Waldamere, and baby sister, Olivia. Memorials may be given to Bismarck Baptist Church, or to the Richardton Care Center.

Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Vivian was always such a special person. I so remember visiting Vivian and Alvin when I was a little girl and being literally awe-struck with the elegance of their home and her activities. I associated her with "ladies" and special people. And when I was a toddler and in the hospital at San Haven, she not only came to visit me and my mom, she was kind enough to take my mother's handiwork and try to make some money for my family. What a loving and kind action. And then there was her "spice". You just knew she would say what she was thinking..and then have a sort of "chuckle" afterwards. And her delightful smile. Her eyes just sparkled. Marge and Vivian - what a pair! Bickering and loving each other at the same time. My last memory of Aunt Vivian was at my Uncle Bob's 50th Anniversary party. There she was all "a glitter" with her matching hat and outfit - smiling that lovely smile of hers. I am so sorry I was not able to attend her funeral, but memories of Aunt Vivian remain in my heart. Love Brenda

Brenda Hoffman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Scott, I am so sorry to hear about your Grandma. My thoughts are with you and your family.

Wendy Egli Kuhn - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM