Betty Ann Carmen Hoffman, age 96, of Golden Acres Manor, Carrington formally from Grace City was called home to enter joy and rest with our Lord on September 27, 2024. Betty was born September 7, 1928, at Lake Mills, Iowa to Clarence Oscar and Ada Bergstad.

Betty began her education at a country school in Iowa, and later graduated high school at Kiester, Minnesota at the age of sixteen. Before attending college, Betty taught in a one room country school in Alexander, North Dakota. She furthered her education at Valley City State College receiving a standard teaching certificate. Upon graduating, Betty taught at Pilot Mound, a country school near Kloten, North Dakota, McHenry Public School, and Haven Township #3.

On June 16, 1951, Betty married Ray A. Hoffman at McHenry Lutheran Church, McHenry, North Dakota. They began their life together crop farming and operating a dairy on the family farm near Grace City, North Dakota, where they raised three children Eileen, Gary and Jean.

Besides being a homemaker, Betty was active in the Grace City community as a member of the Lutheran Ladies Aid, a Luther League advisor, and a PTA convention delegate. She taught Sunday school and tutored in the public school and in her home.

Later in life Betty worked at the Sunflower Café, Prairie Inn, Dakota Kids Daycare, and Super Valu and within the community was affectionately known as "Grandma Betty".

Throughout their lives, Betty and Ray enjoyed dancing. Many years were spent square dancing in the community. They eventually joined the Jamestown Eagles and continued dancing into their later years. Betty and Ray were together 57 years until Ray's passing in 2009.

Betty's pride and joy were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She had a playful nature of dancing and singing with each of them. Her hugs and kisses were limitless and would always end her goodbyes with, "Love you, love you, lots!"

Betty loved the Lord and was devoted in her faith. She will always be known by loved ones as a very loving and genuine caring person who often spoke of her family. She would give of herself all that she could to help someone in need and never expected anything in return.

Leaving to cherish memories of her are: two daughters, Eileen (Dave) Sande, Boise, Idaho and Jean (Leo) Gauderman, Grace City, North Dakota; one son, Gary (Eileen) Hoffman, Carrington, North Dakota; three sisters, Delores Olson, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, Arlene Ehlers, McHenry, North Dakota, and Evie Reineke, China Spring, Texas; one brother Clayton Bergstad, McHenry, North Dakota; ten grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Ray; her parents, Clarence Oscar and Ada; one sister, Alvena Hoffman; and three brothers Otto, Audie, and Oscar.

In

Loving Memory





Betty

SEPTEMBER 7, 1928 - SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

## A Hug from Heaven

Don't be sad - I'm here with Jesus. Don't be sad and please don't cry. I'm right here ... I've never left you ... Don't you know that love can't die? I am safe and warm and happy As I've never been before, Seeing Jesus face to face was more Than I had bargained for. As you speak, I'm right beside you. As you walk, I'm by your side Close your eyes and you'll see clearly That my Spirit has not died. Everyone's on earth for reasons Man can't fully comprehend But in heaven, I've seen clearly Justice triumphs in the end. Understand my love surrounds you In a way you cannot see Feel it, sense it, trust it's presence Have some patience. Let me be. Do not waste another moment! Give to God complete control Of worries that concern you And your heart and mind and soul. Wake each day in joyful gladness Knowing we're not far apart. Look to Jesus for the answers ... He will heal your broken heart. But above all, please remember There's no need for you to cry. I'm right here! I've never left you! Don't you know that love can't die? - Contributed by J. Mattson Celebrating A Life Well Lived Betty Hoffman

September 7, 1928 – Lake Mills, Iowa September 27, 2024 – Carrington, ND

VISITATION & PRAYER SERVICE Thursday, October 3, 2024 Visitation ~ 1:00PM-6:00PM Prayer Service ~ 6:00PM Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE Friday, October 4, 2024 10:30AM Trinity Lutheran Church, Carrington, ND

> **OFFICIATING** Rev. Ritchie Cole Rev. Jeff Kapelle

SPECIAL MUSIC Karol Kapelle ~ Pianist How Great Thou Art

<u>Congregational Hymns</u> It Is Well With My Soul In The Garden

 Kyle Gauderman ~
 Thomas Gauderman ~
 Anthony Hoffman

 Jesse Schroeder ~
 Jade Brown ~
 Aaron Ehlers

HONORARY BEARERS Marissa Smith ~ Kayla Sande ~ Adam Sande ~ Brooke Kutz Heather Berglund ~ Heidi Brown ~ Joy Gauderman

> **BURIAL** Grace City Cemetery, Grace City, ND

Arrangements by Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND www.EvansFuneralHomeND.com