

**In Loving Memory Of Our Beautiful Mother**

God saw you getting tired  
and a cure was not to be.  
So He put His arms around you  
and He whispered "Come to Me"  
With tearful eyes we watched you.  
We watched you fade away.  
Although we loved you dearly,  
We could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard-working hands at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He chose to take the best.  
It's lonesome here without you  
we miss you more each day.  
Life doesn't seem the same  
since you have gone away.  
When days are sad and lonely  
and everything goes wrong,  
we seem to hear you whisper  
"Cheer Up and Carry On"  
Each time we see your picture  
you seem to smile and say,  
"Don't cry, I'm in God's hands,  
we'll meet again someday!"

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**Verda Sykora**

May 5, 1942 - June 19, 2025



Goglin Funeral Homes are honored to serve  
the family and friends of Verda Sykora.  
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Verda Sykora  
1942 – 2025

Visitation 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Funeral 1 p.m.  
Friday, June 27, 2025  
Goglin Funeral Home  
Yankton, South Dakota

Clergy  
Pastor Mike Hecht

Music  
*How Great Thou Art*  
*In The Garden*  
*Amazing Grace*

Pallbearers  
Ryan Gruba, Derek Veldhuisen,  
Jesse Jansen, Jack Knapp,  
Evan Hertz & Andy Hejna

Interment  
Rosehill Cemetery  
Scotland, South Dakota

Verda Mae (Catton) Sykora was born in Scotland on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1942, to Raymond and Martha (Schorzmann) Catton. She graduated from Scotland High School in 1960. Verda married Clarence Sykora on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1961, in Yankton. To this union they were blessed with 3 daughters. They made their home in Tabor for 63 years.

Verda had a passion for cooking, sewing, and her family. Above all she was a child of God and was an active member of the Presbyterian Church. She worked as a nurse's aide after high school. While raising her own children, she provided childcare out of her home for 15 years, many of these children becoming honorary grandchildren. Verda worked at Coyote Sports sewing golf bags. She also shared her sewing talents by handcrafting many Czech costumes for Czech Days dancers, royalty and dolls. She was a member of the Tabor Chamber of Commerce.

You could often find Verda in the kitchen making meals and desserts for her family and friends. She even helped her daughter Lisa at LD's lounge making Kolaches, Kuchen, and dumplings. She also worked in the kitchen at Tyndall Good Samaritan home, Bon Homme School District, and Tabor Meals on Wheels.

Verda touched the hearts of many even if it was a brief encounter. She had a passion for people of all walks of life and enjoyed hearing their life stories and would remember them in her prayers. She made quick friends with the staff, residents, and resident families in the last 2 years while at the nursing home.

Verda went to her heavenly home on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. After a short stay, she passed at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls, surrounded by her family.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters: Martha (Jim) Reisz of Harrisburg, SD, Sandra (Bill) Knapp of Syracuse, NY, and Lisa (Todd) Catton of Elkhorn, NE; 5 grandchildren: Stephanie (Ryan) Gruba of Milbank, SD, Nicole (Derek) Veldhuisen of Norwood Young America, MN, Jennifer (Jesse) Jansen of Brandon, SD, Leah (Hal) Coleates of Skaneateles Falls, NY, and Jack Knapp of Syracuse, NY; 5 great-grandchildren: Sophie and Cooper Gruba, Declan Veldhuisen, Abriana Jansen, and Scarlett Coleates; sister, Deanna King; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Clarence; parents, and niece, Karen Krehbiel.