

Virginia Elaine Moothart was born July 4, 1938, in Clarno Township, near Madison, South Dakota, the daughter of Detlef and Nellie (Reynolds) Johannsen. She grew up in Madison and graduated from Madison High School in 1956. She married Gerald Moothart on February 4, 1957, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Madison. They made their home in Garvin, Minnesota before moving to Groton, South Dakota. The family moved to Hawarden, Iowa in 1966. Virginia was employed at Streit Pharmacy and later at the Hawarden Public Library. She was a bank teller for many years at Farmer's State Bank until her retirement.

Virginia was very active in Women's Clubs and the Women's Bowling League and served as a leader in both the Boy Scouts and also the Girl Scouts. She enjoyed reading, painting, crafting, gardening, and traveling. Virginia was an avid sports fan, a great supporter of West Sioux Athletics, and was honored to be named the Fan of the Year at West Sioux. She never missed her children's activities as they grew up and she loved to watch her grandkids in all of their activities. Virginia loved family get togethers and her family were the most important thing in her life.

She is survived by her family:

**Terri and Mike Kallsen**-Hawarden, Iowa

Greg Kallsen-Hawarden

Leslie Kallsen-Hawarden

**Tim Moothart**-Hawarden

Nic and Haley Moothart-Tea, South Dakota

Addi, Boomer, Birdie, and Ace Moothart

Katherine and Jon Feltman-Harrisburg, South Dakota

Charlie and Chance Feltman

**Gloria and Chad Ping**-Ireton, Iowa

Joshua and Kendra Johnson-Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Allison, Hannah, Brylee, and Ian Johnson

Kari and Chad Halstenson-Gretna, Nebraska

Jovi and Kaya Halstenson

Ryan Ping-Rapid City, South Dakota

**JoLynn and Kevin Decker**-Granbury, Texas

Elise and Adrian Cantu-Fort Worth, Texas

Corissa and Blake Ward-Suffolk, Virginia

**David and Kim Moothart**-Oak Creek, Colorado

Peighton (Jesse Kurk) Moothart-Hayden, Colorado

Aubrie Moothart-Denver, Colorado

Other family include her brother, Leland Johannsen and his wife Marlene; her in-laws, Chuck Moothart, Kay Ann Burmeister, and Pat Moothart; and many nieces and nephews.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald on May 16, 1977; son-in-law, Robert Johnson; her parents, Detlef and Nellie Johannsen; parents-in-law, George and Ann Moothart; and other relatives, Raymond Johannsen, Lloyd and Darlene Whilethorn, Gunnar and Della Magnuson, Roy and Hazel Johannsen, Lyman and Marge Moothart, Elton and Sharon Schlim, Raymond Moothart, Arnold Burmeister, and Ruth Johannsen.

## *Celebrating The Life of Virginia Elaine Moothart*

### *“Granny”*

July 4, 1938 ~ April 24, 2025

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE

11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 1, 2025

Hawarden Community Center

Hawarden, Iowa

#### OFFICIATING

Rev. Michael Boothby

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ireton, Iowa

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Rose” Bette Midler

“Rest For Your Soul” Austin French

#### PRIVATE FAMILY INURNMENT

Grace Hill Cemetery

Hawarden, Iowa

*Please join Virginia's family for lunch and fellowship  
following the memorial Service.*

# *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard him call*

*I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day  
to laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks undone must stay that way.  
I found that peace at close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void  
then fill it with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
ah, yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
good friends, good times,  
a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and share with me*

*God wanted me now:  
He set me free.*

# *In Loving Memory*

*Virginia Elaine Moothart*  
*"Granny"*



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