



Crown You Won

*We hold you close within our
Hearts and there you shall remain.
To walk with us throughout our
Lives until we meet again.
So rest in peace Dear loved one
And thanks for all you've done.
We pray that God has given you
The crown you've truly won.*

In Loving Memory Of

Vi Joan Hoeke

WHO WAS BORN

January 17, 1934

Deer Creek Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

March 1, 2025

Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, March 8, 2025 – 2:00 p.m.

Mundwiler Funeral Home Chapel

Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Rev. Dr. DeVern Schwenn

HONORARY BEARERS

All of Vi's Grandchildren:

Josh Hoeke | Angela Hoeke | Justin Hoeke

Joey Hoeke | Nikki Tobako | Nanette Kortuem

Neena Kramer | Valeri Krebsbach | Vanessa Foy

Greg Linder | Glen Linder | Grady Linder

INURNMENT

Friday, March 14, 2025 - 1:00 p.m.

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Minneapolis, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Vi's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.

Following the service, please join the family for
a time of coffee, desserts, and fellowship at the funeral home.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Vida “Vi” Joan (Perna) Hoeke was born in Deer Creek Township of Otter Tail County, MN, on January 17, 1934, to Toivo and Hulda (Hyrynkangas) Perna. Vi's early years were characterized by resilience and determination as she began her education in a humble one-room schoolhouse, where she bravely learned to speak English.

Vi proudly graduated from New York Mills High School with the Class of 1951, a testament to her commitment to education and growth. On June 2, 1951, Vi was united in marriage with John J. Hoeke in Wadena, MN. Together, they were blessed with four children: Vikki, Vonne, Joe, and Jack.

As a devoted homemaker, Vi's greatest joy came from her family, especially her children and her cherished grandchildren, with whom she eagerly spent her time, creating lasting memories filled with love and laughter. A dedicated caregiver, Vi selflessly supported her husband, John, tending to their farm and assisting in the daily care of their cattle, showcasing her unwavering spirit and commitment to family values.

In the latter part of her life, after John entered a nursing facility, Vi found a renewed purpose in volunteering. She provided companionship, assistance, and warmth to residents, enriching their days with her kind spirit. Her remarkable contributions to the community were recognized when she was honored with the Adult Volunteer of the Year Award by the South Dakota Healthcare Association in 2006.

Vi was infamous for her delicious homemade bread and caramel rolls, delights that filled her home with warmth and comfort. An adventurous soul, she took up jogging in her 50s, showcasing her passion for life and health. A talented musician, Vi learned to play the harmonica, piano, and accordion by ear, sharing her melodies with family and friends. She loved card games, particularly Canasta and Peanuts, and had a keen eye for decorating her home, creating a welcoming and beautiful environment for all. Vi was immensely proud of her Finnish heritage and held a deep love for America.

Left to cherish Vi's memory are her daughters: Vikki (Gary) Linder, and Vonne (George) Mathers; her sons: Joe Hoeke, and Jack Hoeke; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; along with many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Preceding her in death were her husband, John; her parents; and her siblings: Vernon Perna, Vivian Neuvonen, Marvin Perna, Morris Perna, Dennis Perna, Alvin Perna, James Perna, Verla Snethen, and Vanette Dykoff.

Please use this QR code to access Vi's
obituary & online guestbook.



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Vi Hoeke
1934 – 2025