



After Glow

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when life is done.*

*I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.*

*I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
When my life is done.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Virginia Sophie Novak

WHO WAS BORN

January 22, 1927

Hegbert Township, Swift County, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

December 31, 2024

Ortonville, Minnesota

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, May 31, 2025 - 2:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Odessa, Minnesota

OFFICIANT

Reverend Nathaniel Brown

MUSICIANS

Pam Chase, Accompanist

Becky Pansch, Vocalist & Guitarist

URN BEARER

Alexander Hunt

INURNMENT

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Odessa, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Virginia's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the graveside service, please join the family for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall.

Mundwiler & Larson Funeral Home - Ortonville, Minnesota

Virginia Sophie (Schulte) Novak was born on January 22, 1927, in Hegbert Township, Appleton, MN, to John H. and Sophie (Madetzke) Schulte. Virginia's life was a testament to her resilience, warm spirit, and dedication to her family and community.

Virginia shared her life with her beloved husband, George Novak, whom she married on September 27, 1947, at Highland Park Lutheran Church in St. Paul, MN. Together, they built a life filled with love and adventure raising their four children.

Beginning her career life, Virginia worked as a telephone operator in the 1950s. She then began her career teaching at a country school for one year before serving as a substitute teacher and secretary at the Odessa school. Her professional journey continued as a bookkeeper at the Odessa Farmer's Elevator and later as the City Clerk of Odessa. Virginia also dedicated her time as a Certified Nursing Assistant in the Milbank and Clinton nursing homes, where she provided compassionate care to her patients.

An active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Odessa, Virginia participated in the Trinity Ladies' Aid and she proudly served with the Odessa American Legion Auxiliary. Her vibrant spirit transcended her professional roles and community service; she was known for her love of knitting, crocheting, and playing cards, as well as her enthusiasm for reading and working on puzzles. Virginia also embraced a variety of leisure activities, enjoying bowling, golfing, and playing softball. In her youth, she found joy in roller skating and ice skating. One of Virginia's great joys was fishing with George, where the couple embraced the tranquility of nature and the joy of companionship.

Virginia is survived by her daughter, Jill (Bob) Mason of Eagle Lake, MN; granddaughter, Kristin (Ken) Bylsma of Lombard, IL; grandson, Alexander (Abigail) Hunt of Faribault, MN; and granddaughter, Amanda (Joshua) Wolfer; great-granddaughter, Kaitlyn Bylsma of Lombard, IL; daughter-in-law, Georgia Novak of Indianapolis, IN; sister, Adeline Leland of Bricelyn, MN; brother, Gene Schulte of Ortonville, MN; and sister, Janice Comelio of Due West, SC.

She was preceded in death by her husband George Novak in 2014; sons: Bruce Novak, Kerry Novak, and Scott Novak; parents, John and Sophie Schulte; brothers: Hilbert, Robert, and Wallace; and sisters: Jeanette, Irene, Alice, and Donna.

*Please use this QR code to view Virginia's
obituary & online guest book.*

