



I Am With You Always

*To Those I love
and Those Who Love Me
I gave you my love -
you can only guess
how much you gave
to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love
you each have shown,
but now it is time
I traveled on alone.*

*When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You must not tie yourself to me with tears -
be happy that we had so many years.
So grieve a while for me if grieve you must,
then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It is only for a while that we must part,
so bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on - -
so if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you cannot see me or touch me -
I will be near with all my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I will greet you with a smile
and a "Welcome Home".*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Eva Mae Gertsema

WHO WAS BORN
June 15, 1940
Pipestone, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME
July 4, 2023
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE
Friday, July 7, 2023 - 4:00 p.m.
Mundwiler Funeral Home Chapel
Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT
Reverend Chris Davis

CASKET BEARERS
Matthew Gertsema | Seth Claussen | Shane Gertsema
Tyler Gertsema | Dustin Gertsema | Skylar Jenkins

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS
All of Eva's Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

INTERMENT
Milbank City Cemetery
Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION
Eva's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply
appreciated. Following the interment, please join the family for
food and fellowship in the Emanuel Lutheran Church fellowship hall.

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Eva Mae (Burch) Gertsema was born on June 15, 1940, in Pipestone, MN, to Howard and Gladys (Quirk) Burch. She grew up in the Pipestone area and attended Boarding School there.

On November 14, 1964, Eva was united in marriage with Larry Wesley Gertsema at the First Presbyterian Church in Flandreau, SD. To this union, seven children were born. The family made their home in Milbank, SD, until 1998, when they moved to Watertown. Larry passed away in December of 1995. In 2020, Eva moved in with her daughter, Brenda, in Sioux Falls, SD.

Working for many years as a Certified Nursing Assistant, Eva held positions at St. William's Home for the elderly, then worked at Prairie Lakes Care Center until her retirement.

Eva enjoyed being in the outdoors. In her younger years, she could be found fishing with her sister. Putting puzzles together was one of her favorite pastimes. Family was very important to her; all of her children had a special place in her heart. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were especially dear to her, she loved playing with them and watching them have fun.

Left to cherish Eva's memory are her children: Gene (Kandy) Gertsema of Sioux Falls, SD; Dean (Carrie) Gertsema of Watertown, SD; Brenda (Doug) Claussen of Sioux Falls, SD; Willie (Tammy) Gertsema of Milbank, SD; Robert (Julie) Gertsema of Milbank, SD; Tony (Joy) Gertsema of Milbank, SD; and Nathan (Dawn) Gertsema of Watertown, SD; 21 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; brothers: Raymond (Kris) Burch of Ruthton, MN; Andy (Cindy) Burch of Slayton, MN; and Richard Burch of Pipestone, MN; sisters: Catherine Huizenga of Missouri; Judy (Roy) Buss of Luverne, MN; and Carol (Ken) Boomgaarden of Pipestone, MN; along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Larry Gertsema; and brothers: Jerry Burch, Darrold Burch, and LeRoy Burch.

