

Verdonna Edith Dobbs was born on May 12, 1941, in Chester, South Dakota, the daughter of Clinton and Verda (Ingalls) Williams. She grew up in the Franklin community, graduated from Franklin High School in 1959, and attended General Beadle State Teachers College and in 1960, was the GBSTC Homecoming Queen. She earned BS degrees in both Elementary Education and Physical Education, graduating in 1962. On August 4, 1962, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Madison, South Dakota, Verdonna was united in marriage to Ronald Dobbs. They made their home in the New London-Spicer community and were blessed with two children. Verdonna taught in the New London-Spicer School District for over 28 years and retired in 1996.

Verdonna and Ron were charter members of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church. She taught Faith Formation for many years and volunteered for many activities throughout her church and the NL-S community. Verdonna enjoyed making cards, visiting the beauty salon and reading to her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Ron; two children, Tom (and Laura) Dobbs of St. Paul and Stephanie (and Bill) Lipkin of Springfield, New Jersey; six grandchildren, Delaney, Arthur, Lowry and Owen Dobbs and Gabby and Samantha Lipkin; and two great grandchildren, Charlotte and Sawyer Dobbs. Also surviving is one brother, Earl Williams of Santa Maria, California; and Ron's siblings, brother, Joe (and Jolene) Dobbs of Rapid City, South Dakota; sister, Nancy (and Craig) Kuepp of Tucson, Arizona; and sister-in-law, Nancy Dobbs of Kansas City, Missouri, besides other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two siblings, Marlin (and Marge) Williams and Lois (and Harold) Walker; a sister-in-law, Shirley Williams; and Ron's brother, Jack Dobbs.

Celebrating the Life of



Verdonna E. Dobbs

1941 — 2026

In Loving Memory Of

Verdonna E. Dobbs

May 12, 1941
Chester, South Dakota

May 3, 2026
Willmar, Minnesota

*God's finger touched Verdonna
and she slipped away*

From earth's dark shadows to a brighter day;

God saw the road was getting rough,

The hills were hard to climb;

He gently closed her weary eyes,

And whispered, "Peace be thine."

To a beautiful garden this friend has gone,

To a land of perfect rest;

Though Verdonna is gone

she still lives on

In the garden of memory.

*Peterson Brothers Funeral Home
"Celebrating A Life Remembered"*

Mass of Christian Burial

Friday, May 22, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church
Spicer, Minnesota

Celebrant

Fr. Josh Bot

Readers

Arthur Dobbs Owen Dobbs

Eulogy

Stephanie Lipkin Delaney Dobbs

Music

Pianist: Mary Pieh

Cantor: Becky Reiter

Gathering Hymn: "Here I Am Lord"

Psalm Responsorial: "Shepherd Me O God"

Preparation of the Gifts: "Amazing Grace"

Communion: "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"

Song of Farewell: "The Hand of God Shall Hold You"

Going Forth Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"

Interment

Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Cemetery
Spicer, Minnesota