

Order of Service:

Opening Song: How Great Thou Art

Greeting: Virginia

Reading: The First Letter of John (Virginia)

Bible Verse: Preston (Great-Grandson)

Psalm 116: (Virginia)

Eulogy: Jackie

Memories: Family

Invitation of Prayer

“Our Father”

Closing Prayer: Virginia

Ethel’s Favorite Prayer

Closing Song: Somewhere Over the Rainbow

"Life is not measured by the breaths you take, but by the moments that take your breath away"



In Loving Memory



Ethel "Sandy" Gustafson

May 30, 1929 - April 1, 2025

A Mother's Crown

Heaven lit up with a mighty
presence,
As the Angels all looked down.
Today the Lord was placing the
jewels
Into my mother's crown.
He held up a golden crown,
As my darling mother looked on.
He said in His gentle voice,
'I will now explain each one.'
'The first gem,' He said, 'is a Ruby,
And it's for endurance alone,
For all the nights you waited up
For your children to come home.'
'For all the nights by their bedside,
You stayed till the fever went down.
For nursing every little wound,
I add this ruby to your crown.'
'An emerald, I'll place by the ruby
For leading your child in the right
way.
For teaching them the lessons,
That made them who they are today.'
'for always being right there,
Through all life's important events.
I give you a sapphire stone,
For the time and love you spent.'
'for untying the strings that held
them,

When they grew up and left home.
I give you this one for courage.'
Then the Lord added a garnet stone.
'I'll place a stone of amethyst,' He said.
'For all the times you spent on your knees,
When you asked if I'd take care of your
children,
And then for having faith in Me.'
'I have a pearl for every little sacrifice
That you made without them knowing.
For all the times you went without,
To keep them happy, healthy and growing.'
'And last of all I have a diamond,
The greatest one of all,
For sharing unconditional love
Whether they were big or small.'
'It was your love that helped them grow
Feeling safe and happy and proud
A love so strong and pure
It could shift the darkest cloud.'
After the Lord placed the last jewel in,
He said, 'Your crown is now complete,
You've earned your place in Heaven
With your children at your feet.'

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Ethel "Sandy" Gustafson

Born

May 30, 1929

Webster, SD

Passed Away

April 1, 2025

Fridley, MN

Memorial Service

LAKWOOD GARDEN MAUSOLEUM

Friday, May 2, 2025 11:30 AM

Minneapolis, MN

Survived by

her children, Jacqueline Koval and Robert Gustafson;
grandson, Bryant (Jackie) Koval; granddaughter, Jessica
Greenland; and four beautiful great-grandsons, Trenton,
Logan, Preston and Parker.

Preceded in Death by

her husband, John; her parents, sisters and brothers, son,
Michael; and son-in-law Ron Koval.