

*In Memory*

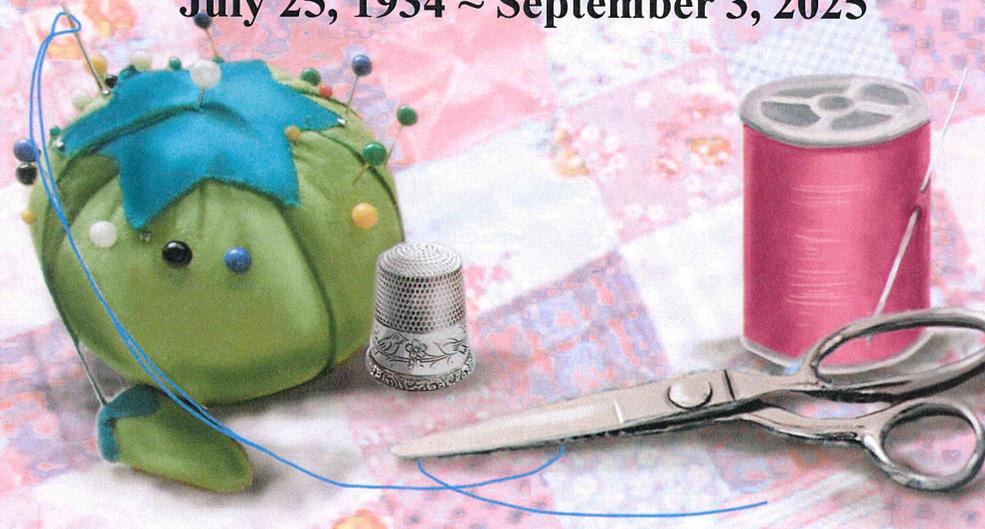
*God saw she was getting tired  
and a cure was not to be.  
So He put his arms around her  
and whispered, "Come with me".  
With tearful eyes we watched her suffer  
and saw her fade away.  
Although we loved her dearly,  
we could not make her stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
hard working hands to rest;  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He only takes the best.*



*In Loving  
Memory of*



***Vivian Janette McPherson***  
**July 25, 1934 ~ September 3, 2025**



Vivian Janette McPherson was born July 25, 1934, in New York City, the daughter of Fredrick and Francis (Porter) Stewart. She grew up in Jackson Heights, New York and attended school at Valley Stream Central High School and graduated from Nasua County High School. She entered the United States Air Force in 1952. Vivian married Donald Henry McPherson May 7, 1954, in Sonoma, California. They later moved to Akron, Iowa where they owned and operated the “McPherson Variety” store for almost 20 years. Their store was known for the biggest candy rack in Siouxland!

Vivian and Donald moved to Hawarden, Iowa where Vivian sold Avon products for 20 years. She was also a Hospice Volunteer for 19 years, following the death of Donald in 1997. Vivian was an avid quilter and made 100’s of quilts in her lifetime. She loved being a mother and loved cooking for others. Vivian was a longtime member of the American Lutheran Church in Hawarden. Vivian passed away peacefully and surrounded by family on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

She is survived by her four children, **Nancy Lynn McPherson** and her significant other Ann of Burnsville, Minnesota, **David Ray McPherson** and his wife Susan of Dillon Lake, Colorado, **Karen Sue Kennedy** and her husband Russell of Hawarden and her children, Hayden Robak and Holly Robak, and **Dawn Vivian McKee** and her husband Clinton of Hawarden and their children, Ellyn McPherson and her fiancé Chris Lewis and her children Braelynn and Kinzi Hinkeldye, Tori Tegethoff and her husband Seth and their children Aubrey, Everleigh and Remi, and Jocelyn Ortiz and her husband Luis.

Vivian was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Donald; and two brothers, Donald Charles Stewart and Malcolm Fredrick Stewart.

## Remembering The Life Of Vivian J. McPherson

### FUNERAL SERVICE

1:30 p.m. Monday, September 8, 2025

Porter Funeral Home  
Hawarden, Iowa

### OFFICIATING

Rev. Dr. Tom Smith

### SPECIAL MUSIC

“Borning Cry”  
“Amazing Grace”

### CASKET BEARERS

Hayden Robak ~ Seth Tegethoff  
Chris Lewis ~ Luis Ortiz

### MILITARY RITES

Two Oaks American Legion Post 254 of Hawarden  
Offutt Air Force Honor Guard

### INTERMENT

Grace Hill Cemetery  
Hawarden, Iowa

*Please join Vivian’s family for coffee and cookies at the funeral home  
following the committal service*