

**Virginia “Fritzie” Laemmle** was born on June 13, 1925, in Mound City to Gust and Emma (Vollmer) Fritz. She attended Mound City Country School. Virginia and Otto Laemmle were married on March 22, 1943 in Mound City. They made their home on a farm 7 ½ miles SE of Mound City. She helped Otto on the farm with the various chores of a farmer’s wife. Her and Otto were also in a band together. She played the drums and sang and Otto played the accordion. Virginia could also yodel, play spoons, and her and Otto loved dancing. In the winter of 1969, they moved to Mobridge. Otto passed away in September 1976. Virginia remained in Mobridge until moving to Selby in the early 1990’s. In 2015 Virginia moved into the Walworth County Care Center.

Virginia’s specialty was cooking and baking. She made the best baked rice, dumplings and potatoes, rhubarb cookies and hot German potato salad. She would bake and then delivery all her goodies around her apartment complex.

Virginia is survived by her sister, Betty Allen of Indiana, two granddaughters, Shelly DeJong of Sioux Falls, and Alicia (Arlyn) Ritter of Sioux Falls, four great grandchildren, Nicole (Scott) Kouf of Sioux Falls, Andrew (Tiffany) Ritter of Sioux Falls, Adam (Angie) Ritter of Sioux Falls, and Adison (Kelsi) Ritter of Watertown, nine great-great grandchildren, Dylan Kouf of Jamestown, Taylor Kouf of Sioux Falls, Autumn Ritter, Alivia Ritter, Adelynn Wallace, and Hailey Wallace of Sioux Falls, Kira Niemann of Watertown, Ariaah and Bode Ritter of Sioux Falls.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Otto, daughter and son-in-law, Sylvia and Ray Litschewski, son, Kenneth James in 1944, brothers, William and Elmer.



## In Loving Memory of:



# Virginia Laemmle

June 13, 1925 ~ May 18, 2021



***The Day God Called You Home***

*God looked around his Garden And found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon his earth and saw your loving face.  
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.  
His Garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering, he knew you were in pain.  
And knew that you would never get well on earth again.  
He saw your path was difficult, he closed your tired eyes,  
He whispered to you "Peace Be Thine" and gave you wings to fly.  
When we saw you sleeping so calm and free of pain,  
We would not wish you back to earth to suffer once again.  
You've left us precious memories, your love will be our guide,  
You live on through your children, you're always by our side.  
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you the day God called you home.*

***IN LOVING MEMORY OF:***  
**Virginia Laemmle**

**"Fritzie"**

*95 Years ~ 11 Months ~ 5 Days*

**BORN:**  
*June 13, 1925*  
*Mound City, South Dakota*

**PASSED AWAY:**  
*May 18, 2021*  
*Selby, South Dakota*

**FUNERAL SERVICES:**  
*10:30 AM, Friday, May 21, 2021*  
*UCC Church*  
*Selby, South Dakota*

**CLERGY:**  
*Pastor Mary Lou Gruebele*

**ORGANIST:**  
*Peggy Gereau*

**SPECIAL RECORDINGS:**  
*"I Can Only Imagine" ~ Mercy Me*  
*"Hail Mary" ~ Sylvia Litschewski*  
**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS:**  
*"In The Garden" ~ "The Old Rugged Cross"*

**CASKETBEARERS:**  
*Nicole Kouf ~ Andrew Ritter ~ Adam Ritter*  
*Adison Ritter ~ Dylan Kouf ~ Taylor Kouf*

**HONORARY BEARERS:**  
*Kathy Knecht ~ Arlyn Ritter ~ Virginia's Granddaughters,*  
*Great Great Grandchildren,*  
*Nieces & Nephews, Family & Friends*

**BURIAL:**  
*Greenwood Cemetery*  
*Melbridge, South Dakota*