

Vera Lou Kummer

*Born to Andrew & Bertha Bentz
April 15, 1939 ~ Bismarck, North Dakota*

*Passed Away
March 18, 2019 ~ West Fargo, North Dakota*

*Services
11:00am Saturday March 23, 2019
First Lutheran Church ~ Watford City, ND*

*Officiating
Pastor Rob Favorite*

*Music
Caroline Schwartz
Paige Cermak Lauren Trefethren*

*Eulogy
Gail Wold*

*Pallbearers
Brooks Kummer Kirt Kummer John Lauer
Millie Lauer Dawnell Pedersen Amanda Davis*

*Honorary Pallbearers
Nicole Pedersen*

*Ushers
Lowell Mosby Gary Stevens*

*Honorary Usher
Mike Durham*

Luncheon will be served following the burial in the church fellowship hall.

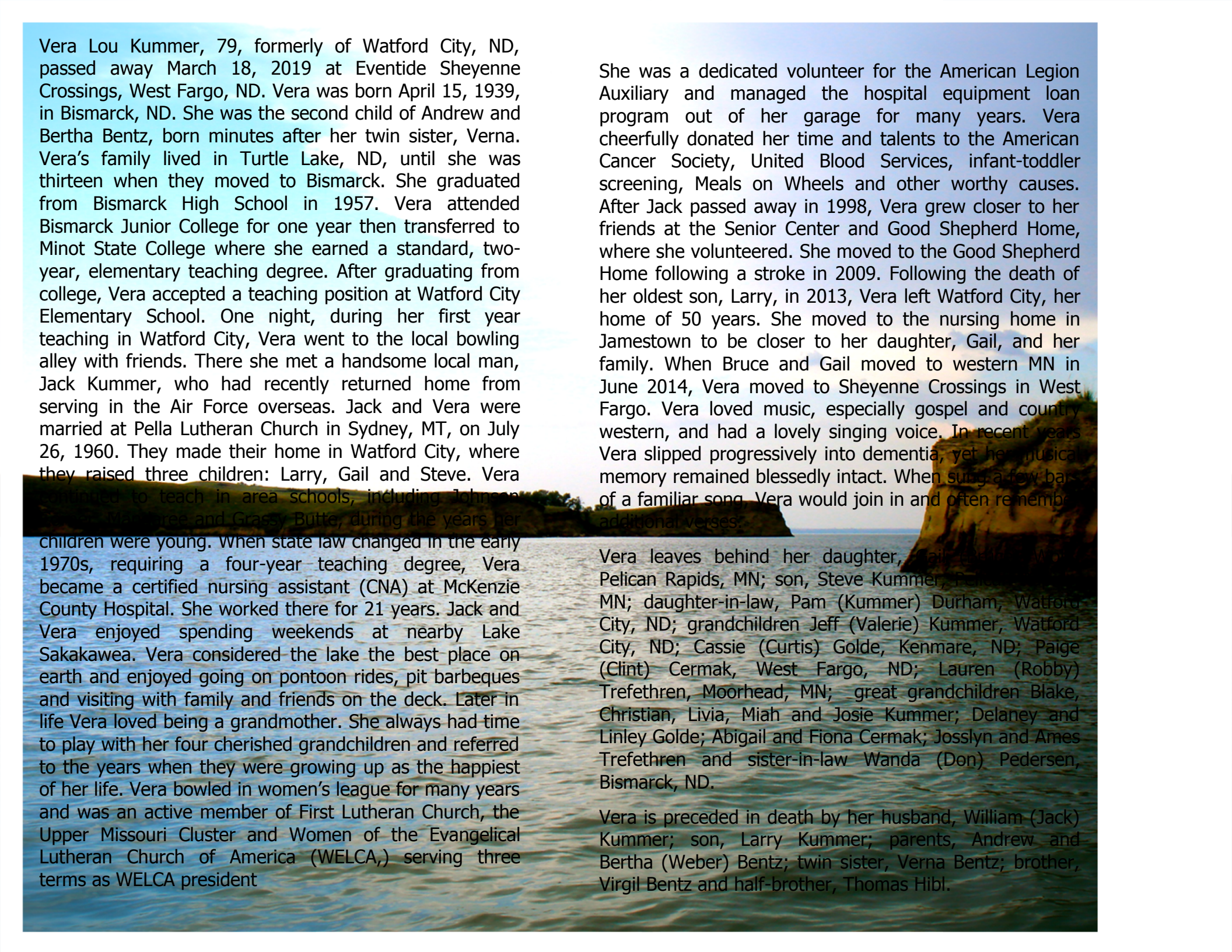
*Final Resting Place
Schafer Cemetery ~ Watford City,*



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Vera Lou Kummer, 79, formerly of Watford City, ND, passed away March 18, 2019 at Eventide Sheyenne Crossings, West Fargo, ND. Vera was born April 15, 1939, in Bismarck, ND. She was the second child of Andrew and Bertha Bentz, born minutes after her twin sister, Verna. Vera's family lived in Turtle Lake, ND, until she was thirteen when they moved to Bismarck. She graduated from Bismarck High School in 1957. Vera attended Bismarck Junior College for one year then transferred to Minot State College where she earned a standard, two-year, elementary teaching degree. After graduating from college, Vera accepted a teaching position at Watford City Elementary School. One night, during her first year teaching in Watford City, Vera went to the local bowling alley with friends. There she met a handsome local man, Jack Kummer, who had recently returned home from serving in the Air Force overseas. Jack and Vera were married at Pella Lutheran Church in Sydney, MT, on July 26, 1960. They made their home in Watford City, where they raised three children: Larry, Gail and Steve. Vera continued to teach in area schools, including Johnson Corner, Mandaree and Grassy Butte, during the years her children were young. When state law changed in the early 1970s, requiring a four-year teaching degree, Vera became a certified nursing assistant (CNA) at McKenzie County Hospital. She worked there for 21 years. Jack and Vera enjoyed spending weekends at nearby Lake Sakakawea. Vera considered the lake the best place on earth and enjoyed going on pontoon rides, pit barbeques and visiting with family and friends on the deck. Later in life Vera loved being a grandmother. She always had time to play with her four cherished grandchildren and referred to the years when they were growing up as the happiest of her life. Vera bowled in women's league for many years and was an active member of First Lutheran Church, the Upper Missouri Cluster and Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (WELCA,) serving three terms as WELCA president

She was a dedicated volunteer for the American Legion Auxiliary and managed the hospital equipment loan program out of her garage for many years. Vera cheerfully donated her time and talents to the American Cancer Society, United Blood Services, infant-toddler screening, Meals on Wheels and other worthy causes. After Jack passed away in 1998, Vera grew closer to her friends at the Senior Center and Good Shepherd Home, where she volunteered. She moved to the Good Shepherd Home following a stroke in 2009. Following the death of her oldest son, Larry, in 2013, Vera left Watford City, her home of 50 years. She moved to the nursing home in Jamestown to be closer to her daughter, Gail, and her family. When Bruce and Gail moved to western MN in June 2014, Vera moved to Sheyenne Crossings in West Fargo. Vera loved music, especially gospel and country western, and had a lovely singing voice. In recent years Vera slipped progressively into dementia, yet her musical memory remained blessedly intact. When sung a few bars of a familiar song, Vera would join in and often remember additional verses.

Vera leaves behind her daughter, Gail (Bruce) Wold, Pelican Rapids, MN; son, Steve Kummer, Pelican Rapids, MN; daughter-in-law, Pam (Kummer) Durham, Watford City, ND; grandchildren Jeff (Valerie) Kummer, Watford City, ND; Cassie (Curtis) Golde, Kenmare, ND; Paige (Clint) Cermak, West Fargo, ND; Lauren (Robby) Trefethren, Moorhead, MN; great grandchildren Blake, Christian, Livia, Miah and Josie Kummer; Delaney and Linley Golde; Abigail and Fiona Cermak; Josslyn and Ames Trefethren and sister-in-law Wanda (Don) Pedersen, Bismarck, ND.

Vera is preceded in death by her husband, William (Jack) Kummer; son, Larry Kummer; parents, Andrew and Bertha (Weber) Bentz; twin sister, Verna Bentz; brother, Virgil Bentz and half-brother, Thomas Hibl.