



*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Adonna E. Thorlaksen**

*Born to John & Esther Van Berkom*  
July 11, 1925 ~ Powers Lake, North Dakota

*Called Home to Her Heavenly Father*  
June 1, 2020 ~ Minot, North Dakota

***Funeral Services***

Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 11:00 AM  
Bethel Baptist Church  
Powers Lake, North Dakota

***Officiating***

Pastor Mike Fraunfelter

***Music***

"What A Day That Will Be"  
Performed By Adonna's Nieces  
"I Can Only Imagine"  
Performed By Sue Kranz  
"Supermarket Flowers" ~ Ed Sheeran

***Pallbearers***

Adonna's Grandchildren  
Bryn Iverson            Matt Lukach  
Becky Thorlaksen     Judd Thorlaksen  
Michael Thorlaksen   Paul Voth  
Sadie Volk

***Final Resting Place***

Bethel Baptist Cemetery  
Powers Lake, North Dakota

***Arrangements By***

Springan Stevenson Funeral Home  
Stanley, North Dakota



*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Adonna E. Thorlaksen**  
July 11, 1925 - June 1, 2020

*Those we love  
don't go away,  
they walk beside us  
every day.  
Unseen, unheard,  
but always near,  
so loved, so missed,  
so very dear.*



Adonna Elaine (Van Berkomp) Thorlaksen was born July 11, 1925 to John and Esther Van Berkomp at the Breeding house in Powers Lake.

She attended school in Powers Lake until about 5th grade, and then she was forced to attend rural school or pay tuition to the town school. Adonna finished high school in Powers Lake.

After her 17th birthday she headed west to Tacoma and on to California where she found that she was too young to land a job in the shipyard, which was her dream job. She worked various jobs and ended up making Chinese money to send to the troops overseas. When the war ended her work place closed down and she headed back to North Dakota.

Adonna was not out of work for long. Her mother found her a teaching job at a rural school by Coteau. She lived at the school for three weeks at a time and would have to haul enough water for the school to last a week. A friend asked Roy to help one week and that was the beginning of Roy and Adonna. They eloped to Plentywood, Montana on May 30, 1947 married and had three children. Ricky (Audrey), Powers Lake, Monica (Joe) Lukach, Minot and Michelle (Bruce) Voth, Berthold. 7 grandchildren: Bryn (Tristan) Iverson, Minot; Matt (Nicole) Lukach, East Grand forks, MN; Becky (Wade) Thorlaksen, Burlington; Judd (Cayleen) Thorlaksen, Powers Lake; Michael Thorlaksen, Powers Lake; Paul (Tanya) Voth, Lynnwood, WA; Sadie (Chris) Volk, Minot. Eleven great-grandchildren: Marleigh and Ty Iverson; Sophia, Natalie, Rylan, and Josie Lukach; Stella and Emery Thorlaksen; Thad and Clarke Volk.

Adonna was a member of Bethel Baptist church where she taught Sunday school and was the church treasurer for many years. She worked at Breeding Chevrolet and then at Liberty State Bank for 40 some years. She loved her work and missed it when she retired. She loved reading, golfing, shopping, playing cards and all activities with her family members. She was also an avid PL Rancher fan.

Adonna adored her grandchildren and great grandchildren and cherished the time spent with them. She went to as many of their activities as she could! She treasured her brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews and the time spent with them. She hosted many Christmases for them creating many memories! She always had her chocolate chip cookies in the freezer and frozen snickers. When people came to the house they would go straight to the freezer and help themselves.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy; parents, John and Esther Van Berkomp; sister, Darlene Grubb; brother, Roger Van Berkomp; father/mother-in-law, Einar and Jean Thorlaksen; brothers-in-law, Clem, Bill, Art and Orvin Thorlaksen, Daren Grubb, and Ralph Schreiner. Three grandchildren, Jennifer Lukach, Richard and Jana Thorlaksen. Two great-grandchildren, Brinley and Avery Thorlaksen.

Memorials on behalf of Adonna may be sent to: Camp Bentley and the Bethel Baptist Church.

