



**V**erna Dockter, 87, died of natural causes April 29 at Deaconess Hospital in Bozeman. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m, Saturday, May 15 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 537 Grand Ave. in Billings. Pastor Richholt will officiate. Verna will be laid to rest at Sunset Memorial Gardens alongside her daughter Lorraine, who preceded her in death.

Verna was born May 30, 1922 in Bluegrass, N.D. to Anna and Henry Bauer, the second of eight children, and grew up on the family farm. She married and had her first three children in New Salem. The family then moved to Billings, MT where it grew by four more children. Verna was a waitress for 46 years. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. Her faith gave her the strength to raise her seven children by herself. Verna enjoyed dancing, tending her flower garden, and traveling with her long time companion, Ed Laferriere. She loved traveling to N.D. to visit her family.

In her later years she moved to Livingston and Belgrade to be closer to her children. She will be greatly missed by her family and all her friends, who loved her dearly.

Verna is survived by four daughters, Maxine Hoepfner, Eldora (Danny) Poletto, Corlis (Ray) Cardamone, and Sheila (Tom) Stewart; two sons, Dallas (Sue) Dockter and Curtis (Dena) Dockter; one sister Dolores Kunz and four brothers, Harold, Calvin, Victor, and Erhardt Bauer; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her daughter, Verna was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Donald and Ervin Bauer and a son-in law Lou Hoepfner.

Condolences may be sent in care of Sheila Stewart, 239 W. River Rock Rd., Belgrade, MT 59714.