



Our loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, Vera Elizabeth Andersen, went home to be with her Lord on December 11, 2008 at the home of her daughter, Eunice Mathews of Clyde Park, MT. Vera was born in Boelus, NB on February 25, 1910, the fifth child of Frederick and Elizabeth Berck. She spent all of her years until marriage in the town of her birth. At the age of 13 years, she put her trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as her own personal Savior and in her words, “great peace and joy filled my heart.” She never ceased to praise Him for His goodness and faithfulness to her.

On September 15, 1929, she was united in marriage to S.P. Andersen, also of Boelus. Soon after, they left for Minneapolis, MN where they attended and were graduated from Northwestern Bible School, in preparation for the gospel ministry. To this union were born four children, one of whom died at birth.

The Andersens counted it a great privilege to serve the Lord together for 40 years. Vera was a great partner to S.P. in the ministry. She always had plenty of food prepared on Sunday for the folks her husband was sure to invite over for dinner after church. She taught Bible classes, directed choirs, played piano, sang in ladies groups, led women’s missionary fellowships, cleaned churches, visited shut-ins and newcomers, and took very good care of the pastor and their three children. She was a skilled seamstress and a wonderful cook, beginning at age 15 years to sell her homemade pies to a local restaurant.

Her beloved husband preceded Vera in death on February 28, 1972, while they were assisting in mission work in Kampala, Uganda. Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Marcelyn (Lynn) Holm and a granddaughter, Lynette (Nathan) Hoppe. She is survived by her son, Loren (Barbara) Andersen of Camp Hill, PA, daughter Eunice (Duane) Mathews of Clyde Park, MT; granddaughters, Sherry Daehn of Crystal, MN, Karilee (Tony) Valeriano of Livingston, MT, Rebekah (Jeff) MacKay of Evans City, PA, and five grandsons, Jonathan (Ruth) Holm of Littleton, CO, Joel Holm of Congo, Brian (Sherri) Holm of Charlotte, NC, Tim (Daisy) Andersen of Seattle, WA, Kurt (Barbara) Mathews of Ghana, West Africa, and 26 great grandchildren.

A celebration of her life will be held at Wilsall Community Church in Wilsall, MT at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2008. Interment will be in Worthington, MN. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to missions, especially “Bibles for the World,” P.O. Box #49759, Colorado Springs, CO 80949. Services are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service of Bozeman (www.dokkennelson.com).