

LaVern Garberding, age 98, died Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at the Pleasant View Nursing Home in Albert City.

LaVern Elise Marie Specketer was born October 6, 1915 in Diamond Township, Cherokee, Iowa. She was baptized on October 13, 1915 in her parent's home because whooping cough was going around. LaVern caught it anyway, and her parents sat with her day and night so that she would not choke. She was confirmed on March 24, 1929.

For her early schooling LaVern attended three different country schools. Beginning in 5th grade and through 8th grade, she attended St. Johns Lutheran Parochial school in Hanover, Iowa. Every day she walked one mile each way to school. Her teacher, Jacob Schmidt, taught all 8 grades, and introduced her to the love of teaching. Already at this early age, LaVern would arrive at school one-half hour early so that she could help the other children with their memory work.

LaVern was married to Gilbert Garberding on January 10, 1937. They purchased a farm in Lincoln Township, 4 miles west of Albert City and moved there in March of that year. Together they actively farmed the land for 45 years. They retired in 1982, and Gilbert passed away in 1986. LaVern continued to live on and actively participate in managing the farm until October 2011 when she moved to Pleasant View Home in Albert City. Gilbert and LaVern were blessed with two children, Larry and Ardys.

LaVern was always ready to help people, and she showed the love of the Lord in all her work. After family, education and teaching came next in importance. LaVern was self-educated, and she never stopped learning. She furthered her education by taking night school courses, television courses from Morningside College, and many Old and New Testament religious courses. Teaching was her deeply loved vocation, especially teaching religion. She started teaching Sunday School at Zion Lutheran Church in 1947. She added a two hour weekly Confirmation class in 1963 followed by a weekly Bible Study class at Pleasant View Home in 1984. In all she taught Sunday School 54 years, Confirmation 40 years and led the nursing home Bible Study over 28 years. She spent many hours each week preparing separate lessons for each of these groups. LaVern's other church activities included Sunday School Superintendent from 1949 to 1954, member of Ladies Aid and church choir beginning in 1946, and she served on various committees.

Community work was also important to LaVern. In the 1950s she helped entertain patients at the Cherokee Mental Hospital. She volunteered in numerous ways at the Albert City school by helping in the library, with reading classes, with fund raisers, and with speech contests. She started serving on the Care Review Committee at Pleasant View Home in 1985. For over thirty years she was an official for Buena Vista County elections, and she was chairman for twenty of those years. LaVern also made time for friendships and was a member of two neighborhood clubs.

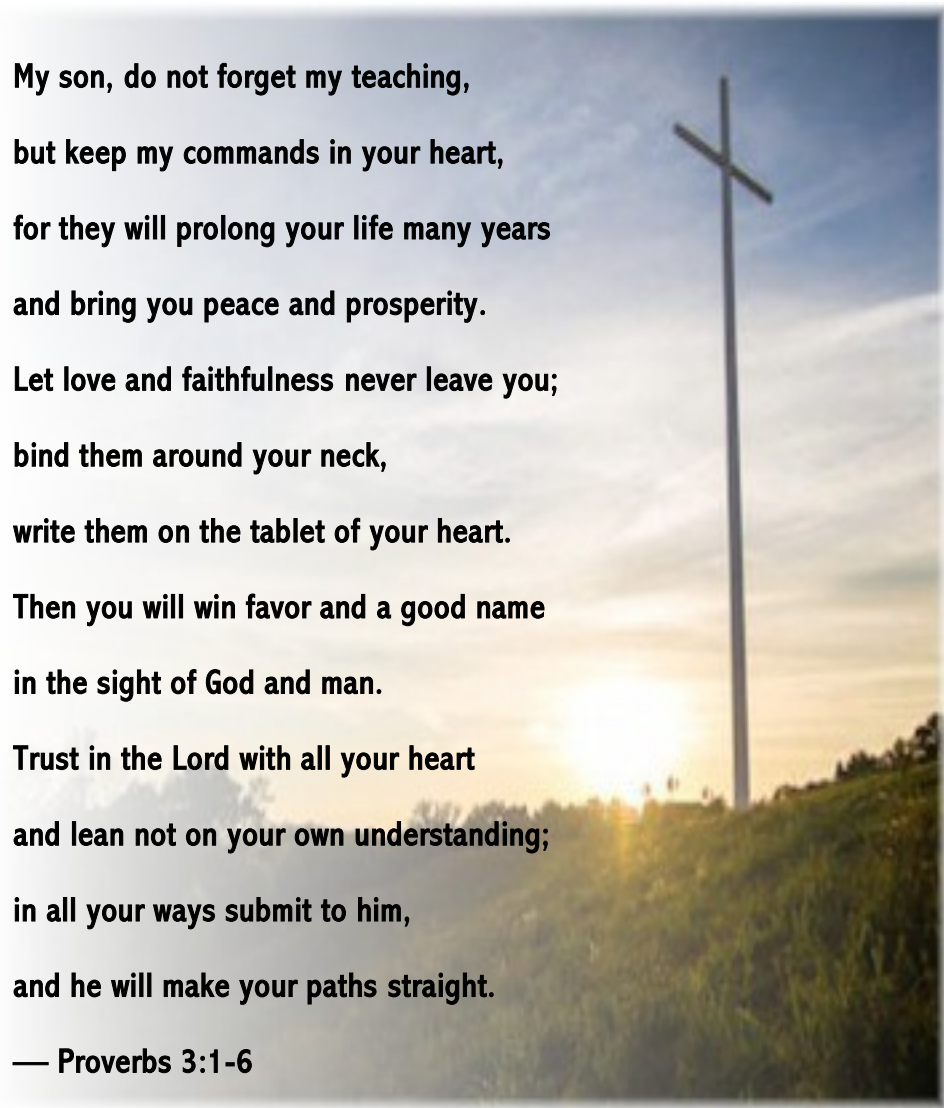
LaVern leaves to mourn her passing: a son, Larry and his wife Ann, Osprey, Florida; a daughter, Ardys and her husband Carroll, West Des Moines, IA; five grandchildren and their spouses, Scott and Cristina Garberding, Katherine and Ron Kerr, Michael and Jenny Garberding, Kristina Anderson and Firoz Khan, and Reed and Melissa Anderson; and eleven great grandchildren, Daniel, Tomas, Andrea, and Anamaria Garberding, Spencer and Elizabeth Kerr, Kyle, Emily, and Kate Garberding, and Hailey and Paige Anderson.

In Loving Memory



LaVern M. Garberding

1915 — 2014



My son, do not forget my teaching,
but keep my commands in your heart,
for they will prolong your life many years
and bring you peace and prosperity.
Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
Then you will win favor and a good name
in the sight of God and man.
Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

— Proverbs 3:1-6

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at the church immediately following the burial.

— **The Family of LaVern Garberding**

IN MEMORY OF

LaVern Elise Marie Garberding

October 6, 1915 — May 7, 2014

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.
Zion Lutheran Church— Rural Storm Lake, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend David Anthony

ORGANIST

Orlando Leimer

SOLOIST

Norlin Gutz

“I Love To Tell The Story”

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

“Lift High The Cross”

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

“Lord Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word”

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

CASKET BEARERS

Kristina Anderson, Reed Anderson, Michael Garberding
Kathryn Kerr, Douglas Bolte, Arlin Bolte

INTERMENT

Zion Lutheran Cemetery — Rural Storm Lake, Iowa

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