



## Leona Yoder

November 30, 1919 - May 30, 2023

Leona Yoder, age 103 of Buffalo MN, passed away peacefully on May 30, 2023.

Leona was born in McPherson County, and raised on the farm in Hosmer, South Dakota. She attended Business School in Minneapolis and worked in Watertown, Huron, and Rapid City, South Dakota.

She met and became engaged to Ray Yoder; however, did not marry until 1950 after Ray returned from the war. Leona stayed home to care for the three children while Ray traveled for work. Having lived in Minnesota and South Dakota, they settled in Buffalo, Minnesota where they bought the Coast-to-Coast Hardware Store. Early retirement in 1974 allowed them time to travel the US, attend spiritual retreats, and enjoy their condominium in St. Petersburg, FL.

Leona moved to her apartment at Park View Assisted Living in 2017 when Ray entered the adjoining Nursing Home. She dedicated her days to visiting Ray until he passed a year later.

While residing at the community living center, Leona blossomed. She enjoyed all her new friends and staff and took part in all activities. She was a simple lady that did not need much and had a keen sense of inner peace. She kept

her quick wit and lovely sense of humor until the end of her life.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 67 years, Raymond Yoder; daughter, Carol Ann; sister, Lorina Forkel; and parents, Jacob and Bertha Kranzler. She will be deeply missed by her daughters, Linda (Kevin) Olson and Peggy (Ron) Olson; 4 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

A private service will be held. In lieu of flowers, pay it forward; do a kind deed for someone in need.

# Tribute Wall

MO

“ It has been a great pleasure to know and serve Leona while at Park Terrace, she brightened my days, so many happy memories shared 😊. My thoughts and prayers go out to Leona's family. Marilyn Otten

Marilyn Otten - June 09, 2023 at 02:38 PM

LJ

“ It was a honor and a blessing to have served Leona at Park Terrace. She was one delightful and happy lady! Heaven gained an awesome Angel 😇. Lisa Johnson

Lisa Johnson - June 08, 2023 at 07:19 PM

BJ

“ Leona was such a kind and special lady! She was always up for anything and really enjoyed being around others! I had the pleasure to care for Ray at the nursing home as well as Leona at the Assisted Living. Both such kind people! She will be missed at Park View Assisted Living. Prayers to all of her family.

Becky Johnson - June 06, 2023 at 09:46 PM

LC

“ Leona was always our ray of sunshine here at Park View Assisted Living! She never had a negative thing to say and her witty one liners where the highlight of our day! It was an honor to get to care for Leona and she is missed dearly!

Love, Your Nurses <3

Lauryn Cottrell - June 06, 2023 at 10:49 AM

HM

*Leona was such a special person, very considerate of others. She kept her wit to the end. Her faith was strong. She will be missed. Will keep in prayer for you all. Harry, chaplain.*

**Harry Maravelas** - June 06, 2023 at 11:46 AM



*Leona was always a ray of sunshine. I got the please of first meeting her when Ray came to Park View Center & then cooking for her at Park Terrace Assisted Living. She said to me one time it would be neat to see her name on the breakfast menu. So, I put the Yoder Special on there just for her. She laughed & said she was famous. She will be truely missed. She was one very special lady that holds a very special place in my heart❤️*

**Tina Arneson** - June 06, 2023 at 09:33 PM