



Verena Catherine Greeninger

August 2, 1936 - December 27, 2019

Verena Catherine Greeninger, age 83 of Coon Rapids, passed away December 27th. Preceded in death by loving husband of 60 years Marvin, who passed on December 15th, and parents Robert and Merle. She will be dearly missed by her children Dan (Mary), Joe (Sarah), Judy (Alex), and Marty, grandchildren Tim (Allison), Ryan, Matt, Rachel, Jimmy, Joey, Casey, Sammie and Max, great granddaughter Amelia, and siblings Robert Borer and John (Sharon) Borer.

Verena was born in Forsyth, Montana and moved to Billings MT where she lived from ages 5 to 23. She worked for Prudential Insurance Company in Billings and transferred to their office in Denver, Colorado in 1959 where she met the love of her life on September 11th. They were married on January 9th, 1960 in Billings MT, and moved to Minnesota where Verena was amazed at how small the farms were compared to the 650-acre farms out west. Verena dedicated her life to her family and to helping others. She was an incredibly nurturing and loving wife and mother, staying home to raise her children and spending hours volunteering at their schools. She also was a very faithful woman, regularly attending church and making sure her children had a religious upbringing. She loved music, and was proud that her Great Grandpa Hiram Marcyes was a bugler in the Union Army in MT and later wrote the song, Black Hills Waltz, which is recorded at the Library of Congress. She played piano, and played in the St. Stephens church bell choir for 30 years.

She and Marv spent hours volunteering, participating in Meals on Wheels and countless other activities, and Verena took care of the ceramics program at the Epiphany Pines Senior home until her passing. They were active in square dancing for 30 years, and they loved all the wonderful people they met. Verena was the club photographer for several years and made calls for the Hotfoot's Telephone Committee. Verena had many close friends and neighbors, and would often talk about the "lunch bunch" who were friends from West Publishing who met for lunch once a month for more than 27 years. Verena's true passion was always her family. When asked what her favorite activity was, Verena would say that it was going to her children and grandchildren's sporting and music events. Verena's children jokingly referred to her as "Saint Verena", because you really couldn't ask for a better wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and overall faithful, selfless, loving, giving person. Our hearts are broken, but we know that mom wanted to be with dad, and we find peace in knowing that they are together. She will be forever missed. In lieu of plants, please make a donation to the charity of your choice in Verena's memory.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stephen's Catholic Church (Anoka)
525 Jackson Street
Anoka, MN 55303

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My most sincere condolences to all of you who not only are grieving the loss of your Mom but also the loss of your father only two weeks ago. I loved them both, we grew up together and I will miss them very much. I am in New Mexico and not able to be with you today but I will remember all of you in my prayers.
God Bless and keep you..
Kate Nelles Whitney*

Kathryn Nelles Whitney - January 03, 2020 at 03:41 PM

KM

“ *Kirsti MacPherson lit a candle in memory of
Verena Catherine Greeninger*



Kirsti MacPherson - December 31, 2019 at 09:41 AM

RP

“ *Ricky Persaud lit a candle in memory of
Verena Catherine Greeninger*



Ricky Persaud - December 29, 2019 at 06:47 PM