



Verla Maureen Kihle

April 21, 1940 - October 16, 2024

ObitVerla Maureen Kihle, age 84, of Crystal, MN passed away on October 16, 2024 with her family by her side. Verla was born to Oliver and Dorothy Olson on April 21, 1940 at Hettinger, ND. She is preceded in death by her parents, loving husband, Galen Kihle, and brother Kurt Olson.

After growing up on the farm in Regent, ND, Verla ventured to Minot, ND after high school. She loved to tell the story of travelling there on the bus in her high-heeled shoes and suitcase in tow, as she looked for a place to live and work. It wasn't long before she met Galen and they became inseparable. Galen and Verla were married on Jan 21, 1960. They initially lived in Minot while Galen completed his degree and began his teaching career. They moved to Crystal, MN in 1969 where they raised their 2 boys, Keith and Bryan.

Throughout her life, Verla was strong in her devotion and commitment to the Lord. She remained faithful in her service until her death. Galen and Verla valued the privilege of having a fellowship gathering in their home for over 50 years and cared deeply for those that shared fellowship in their open home.

Verla's great love for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren was obvious to all that knew her. Her family was always her priority, and she was loved and adored by all of them. Galen and Verla's greatest enjoyments were

the frequent sleepovers, outings and activities with their grandchildren, including the playhouse built in the backyard just for them. In recent years, she cherished every moment spending time with her 3 great-grandchildren. In addition to her immediate family, there were so many others that called her Grandma Verla. And she showed the same warmth and love to all of her "bonus grandchildren". Verla never met a stranger, and had a gift of making everyone feel special, no matter how long they were acquainted. Even those she met in her everyday life, at a store or restaurant, quickly became a true friend. Verla always saw the best in everyone.

Verla was also known for her musical talents and spent many years teaching piano lessons. Verla and Galen also loved to travel and enjoyed many trips to Hawaii while they were able. In Hawaii they loved listening to the Hawaiiin music and especially enjoyed spending time with the many friends they met there over the years.

Verla is survived by "her boys", Keith (Janna) Kihle and Bryan (Darci) Kihle; Grandchildren, Allyson Kihle, Kayla (Charlie) Frank, Kelsey (Cody) Olmscheid, Ethan Kihle and Luke Kihle; great-grandchildren, Brooklynn and Remington Frank and Stella Rae Olmscheid.

Cemetery Details

Glen Haven Memorial Gardens

5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429
(763) 533-8643
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Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Chapel Service

OCT **28**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Graveside Service

OCT **28**. 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Memorial Gardens
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Reception

OCT **28**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
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Crystal, MN 55429

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for Verla Maureen Kihle in memory of Verla Maureen Kihle



Washburn-McReavy - October 17, 2024 at 05:04 PM

DC

“ So many fond memories of Verla - she was truly special. I arrived in the Twin Cities in 1987, just out of college, and knew only the Kihles, and just barely. I called Verla to ask some questions about areas and she insisted that I come stay with them for at least a few days until I could find the right apartment. That's who she was, warm, generous and thoughtful. We have so many wonderful memories of times in the Kihle's home over the years, visiting and laughing around the dining room table as they treated us like their own family. Thank you for your kind generosity Verla, taking in a young man you barely knew. It made a huge difference for me! Keith and Bryan, may the fond memories of your mom bring you comfort in the days ahead.
With Love, Dave Christensen

Dave Christensen - October 29, 2024 at 12:01 AM

DR

“ We want to join in our sympathy for your loss of this great lady. We can only hope to be like her! Gentle, kind, compassionate...just loved the times we got to visit at conventions. So glad we got to be at their home for meeting one time a few years ago. My parents were great friends to Olsons when they all lived in western North Dakota, starting in the 30's! Thankful for a sound heritage in many ways. Glad we can listen in...would have loved to be there in person.

Mark & Donna Richtsmeier

Donna Richtsmeier - October 28, 2024 at 11:57 AM

DC

“ Unwavering kindness, a perpetual smile, genuine love, a welcoming heart, resilient, practical and complete trust in our God are just a few thoughts that come to mind when I think of Verla. There are many memories in my heart of Verla. She was one of the only people I was comfortable leaving our infant baby girl with. Her love for grandbabies was so evident. Of course her own grands were the light of her life, but she overflowed with plenty of love for her many, many more grands and we were so thankful to experience her love. One of my favorite things about Verla was her humor and I can still hear her telling the story of Keith and Bryan, when they were boys, fighting and her total disgust describing them as "beast, their just beast". It still makes me laugh. Love to all her beautiful family and a thank you for sharing your Mom, Grandma and Friend. Denay Christensen

Denay Christensen - October 28, 2024 at 11:16 AM

DB

“ Dwayne & Jan, John & Marge, Lyle & Becky purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Verla Maureen Kihle.



Dwayne & Jan, John & Marge, Lyle & Becky - October 26, 2024 at 01:09 PM

RS

“ Oh, dear Verla, you and Galen have been true friends. You will be so missed by all, especially by your close family members. I send special regards to them, and I thank God that our paths crossed in this lifetime. Ronda

ronda stidolph - October 26, 2024 at 11:39 AM

JR

Gaylen And Verla were special people to me. Our family went to meeting at their home for many years! They will both remain as two of the greatest people who touched my life! Ever grateful for their love!

Jane Rohs - October 26, 2024 at 09:59 PM

LF

“ LeAnn Kihle and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Verla Maureen Kihle.




LeAnn Kihle and Family - October 25, 2024 at 01:13 PM

LF

“ LeAnn Kihle and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Verla Maureen Kihle.

LeAnn Kihle and Family - October 25, 2024 at 01:13 PM

BB

“ I appreciated the warm welcome I remember feeling in their home.


Beatta Burchill - October 22, 2024 at 08:41 PM

LB

I remember meeting Verla & Galen in Hawaii .Enjoyed their company going on the bus with them to meeting at rose hills for several years .verla was a very special lady .

louise boyd - October 23, 2024 at 11:42 AM

RW

“ Verla and I are first cousins (our Dads were brothers) and we enjoyed a lot of fun times together growing up. The Lloyd Olson family would get in the car at Cando and journey 325 miles south to Regent where all the cousins would get together. Verla and I would get on the piano and make up our own duets. Thanks, dear cousin, for happy memories and your faithfulness. Special sympathy to all the family; Grandma's are precious.

Roxetta Wilde - October 21, 2024 at 04:20 PM

BF

“ Bruce Weeda family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Verla Maureen Kihle.



Bruce Weeda family - October 21, 2024 at 11:21 AM

CL

“ Verla was so much more than a cousin to me... she was a dear friend through the years and across the miles. We shared our joys, our sorrows and everything in between. You could hear the smile in her voice, and feel the warmth of her care. I am missing her. Thinking of all of you whom she loved so much with care and deepest sympathy. Carolyn Lowry

carolyn Lowry - October 21, 2024 at 10:00 AM

CB

I have known Verla my whole life. We went to school together and lived within 3 miles of each other for 18 years. We didn't see each other often but when we did, the years disappeared and we laughed together like our mothers did. She was a kind loving friend and will be dearly missed.

Cheryl Berry - October 21, 2024 at 12:24 PM

VB

“ I'm so thankful I met Verla at Eagle Bend and had sweet fellowship together as if we had known each other all our life. My deepest sympathy to all her family. Vickie Boggs in Virginia



Vickie Boggs - October 20, 2024 at 09:05 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Verla Maureen Kihle.*



October 20, 2024 at 04:07 PM



“ *Mick, Mary Matt, Kate,Chris Ross. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Verla Maureen Kihle.*

Mick, Mary Matt, Kate,Chris Ross. - October 20, 2024 at 04:07 PM



“ *Carolyn Lowry purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Verla Maureen Kihle.*



Carolyn Lowry - October 18, 2024 at 07:01 PM



“ *Carolyn Lowry planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Verla Maureen Kihle.*

Carolyn Lowry - October 18, 2024 at 07:01 PM

DO

“ Our sincere sympathy in the loss of your mother and grandmother. I go back a long time knowing your mom to when we were young girls wiping silverware at Mandan and then as teenagers waiting tables at Hunter. We always said we wondered if anyone ever got any food as we were so busy talking. She was a very special lady and always had a smile. You've just recently lost your father too, so this is even harder, Dennis and Lorna Olson

Dennis Charles Olson - October 17, 2024 at 06:41 PM

LS

Thinking of you all at this time! We cherish our years of meeting in your parent's home. Lani

Lani Secker - October 18, 2024 at 05:41 PM