



Verna Girtz Gruber

August 4, 1919 - February 13, 2012

Verna Girtz Gruber, 92 year old resident of Pierz, MN passed away February 13, 2012 at Harmony House in Pierz, MN. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at St. Michael's Catholic Church Buckman, MN with Father Gerald Dalseth officiating and Father Bernard Kahlhamer as concelebrant. Burial will take place in St. Joseph's Parish Cemetery in Pierz, MN. Friends may call from 4-8 P.M. on Friday, February 24, 2012 at the Shelley-Virnig Funeral Chapel in Pierz, MN and from 9:30-10:30 A.M. on Saturday at the Church. Christian Mother's along with St. Michael's Society will say the rosary at 4:30 P.M, Rich Prairie Auxiliary prayers at 5:30 P.M, parish prayers at 6:30 P.M., and Knights of Columbus at 7:30 P.M. on Friday at the Shelley-Virnig Funeral Chapel in Pierz, MN.

Verna was born, August 4, 1919 in Pierz Township the first of nineteen children to the late Jacob and Rose (Medek) Girtz. She attended country school at District 98. Verna was united in marriage to Arthur Gruber on August 27, 1940 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz. Verna and Arthur lived in Pierz, MN until 1954. They purchased a farm northwest of Buckman and actively farmed until 1978. After retiring from farming in 1978 they moved to Little Falls Township and resided in the Foothills area. After Arthur's death in 2003 Verna continued to live in her foothills home until relocating to Country Manor in Sartell and lastly has resided at the Harmony House in Pierz, MN until her death. Verna was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Pierz,

St. Michael's Catholic Church, Buckman, and St. Mary's Catholic Church, Little Falls. She was an active member of St. Michael's Christian Mother's Society. Verna enjoyed crocheting, embroidery work, and tending to her beautiful rose gardens. She also liked to play cards with family and friends and was a wonderful cook and baker. Most of all she was proud to be a wife and mother and encouraged her children to seek higher education. She was extremely proud of her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was greatly loved and will be dearly missed by her loving family.

Verna is survived by children, Robert Gruber of St. Cloud, Janelle (Paul) Hartmann of Arvada, CO, Richard (Karen L.) Gruber of Sauk Rapids, Charles (Karen M.) Gruber of Pierz, David Gruber of Winterpark, CO, Thomas (Nancy) Gruber of Royalton, Jeffrey (Deb) Gruber of Fort Dodge, IA, Geri Gooselaw-Gruber (daughter-in-law) of Buffalo, MN, Rose (Charles) Seymour of Chisago City, Carol (Clyde) Athman of St. Cloud, Paula (Peter) Colbert of Lebanon, OH, and Carmen (Allen) Watland of Grand Rapids, MN; siblings, Mildred Terhaar of Pierz, Ervin (Rosemary) Girtz of Royalton, Delrose Keyes of Mountain Home, AR, Mary Austin of Pierz, Doreen Kapsner of Little Falls, Beatrice Adams of Seneca, SC, Alice Kahlhamer of Pierz, Virgil (LyAnn) Girtz of Brooklyn Park, Daniel (Jan) Girtz of Pierz, Gilbert (Joyce) Girtz of Grand Rapids, MI, and Sharlet (Larry) Selinger of LaCrosse, WI; 37 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

Verna is preceded in death by husband, Arthur; son, Douglas; 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; siblings, Margaret Loidolt, Genevieve Franklin, Leo Girtz, Hildegard Merklung-Dudink, Mary Jane Merklung, Josephine Kaski, and James Girtz.

In Lieu of Flowers Memorials are preferred to: Country Manor of Sartell, Harmony House of Pierz, or Alzheimers Foundation.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Pierz
202 Main St. South
Pierz, MN

Visitation

FEB **25.** 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls
214 2nd Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Service

FEB **25.** 10:30 AM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls
214 2nd Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Verna Girtz Gruber



Lemieur Funeral Homes - February 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Verna Girtz Gruber

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ It is truly an honor to call you grandma. Thank you for all the great memories growing up.##imported-begin##Christie Gruber##imported-end##

February 28, 2012 at 06:03 PM



“ I want to express my sympathy to each of you Grubers. Blessed are you who were able to call Verna Mom. She gave each of you the best gift that any mother can give their children - her love. May your memories of her, bring you peace in the days ahead.
sincerely,
barb##imported-begin##Barb Scholl##imported-end##

February 27, 2012 at 08:45 PM



“ Verna, you are a very special lady. I am so glad that I got to know you and be part of the family. Christie and Josh will always have you in their hearts. I am glad that you are no longer suffering. So happy that you are together with Art, Doug and your family again. You will be missed by many of people who loved you.##imported-begin##Cleo Abel##imported-end##

February 24, 2012 at 10:46 PM



“ Some of my happiest memories of growing up are the times spent at Aunt Verna and Uncle Artie's farm with all the great cousins, and all the action surrounding them. Aunt Verna always seemed to be smiling, and busy, and happy! As did the rest of the family. It was always a holiday for me when I was there! Funny thing, I just found a picture of Aunt Verna and Uncle Artie in a pack of pictures from a wedding. They're both wearing their big, happy smiles. That's how I always see them when I think of them. I'll be there in spirit for the services, and I'll be saying my prayers for comfort to the family. Love to you all, Mchael Gruber Summerland, CA##imported-begin##Michael Gruber##imported-end##

February 24, 2012 at 05:51 PM



“ I feel glad having met Grandma Gruber, She impressed me. Her great achievents can been seen by the size of her family and the number of people at the funeral! She really embodied life!##imported-begin##Jakob Scheunemann##imported-end##

February 24, 2012 at 02:34 PM



“ Sweet rolls, the best ham ever made, playing 500 (as she taught me how cards were actually supposed to be played...and I thought I knew!) and huge family gatherings. As I get older I realize how special that is and that's a huge piece of the legacy that Grandma and Grandpa have left behind. I feel extremely blessed to be a part of this family, all started because Grandma had 12 kids! Still can't believe that. Love you Grandma.##imported-begin##Todd Gruber##imported-end##

February 24, 2012 at 01:13 PM



“ I have a lot of fond memories growing up and visiting grandma and grandpa Gruber. It makes me smile to think about the times that we were trying to sleep on the couch and grandma would wake up in the early morning and be in the kitchen banging the pots and pans as she started to get breakfast ready for all of us who were visiting. I couldnt wait to get the Christmas packages that were mailed to us because I always knew there would be homemade rolls that were made fresh just a few days before the package was shipped. It was always such a warm feeling to be around this big loving family. Those memories of her will stay with me forever...##imported-begin##Chad and Shelly Hartmann##imported-end##

February 22, 2012 at 09:07 PM



“ I always have so enjoyed & loved Verna. She was such a classy women. I remember her always having her make up on , nails done & jewelery on. She made the best rolls & proudly told how I must follow her recipe perfectly. She had the best one line comments that trully made sense. My favorite one was if her kids or whoever did not go to church or did something wrong she would say "We all take our own hide to the market " I will always have such fond memories of her. Terri Watland###imported-begin##Terri Watland###imported-end##

February 22, 2012 at 10:56 AM



“ Carmen and family, so sorry to hear of the loss of your wonderful mother. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers in the days and months ahead.###imported-begin##Mary & Rick Zablocki###imported-end##

February 22, 2012 at 09:24 AM



“ I only met you on 2 occasions Verna, while you were visiting in Arvada, CO When I talked with you I understood why I love several of your children, grandchildren, and 1 beautiful great grand daughter as I do. You raised a lot of children and not on a lot of money but on pride, morals, and God and you did so with joy in your heart & soul. You should be proud now as you look down on what beautiful, loving, & giving children you have. That doesn't come easily but you two succeeded grandly! I love Janelle as a sister, and she now has passed all those good lessons you taught her to her loving family. How proud you must be - how lucky all of us, who knew you. Now it's time to rest in the palm of His hand.###imported-begin##Gail Feustel###imported-end##

February 21, 2012 at 03:55 PM



“ I am a close friend of Janelle's & Paul's, and am so sorry for your loss. Verna is rejoicing with God and His angels now. May Christ's peace and love be with all of you.

With my deepest sympathy,
Carole Anderson###imported-begin##Carole Anderson###imported-end##

February 21, 2012 at 03:10 PM



“ I have always felt blessed to call this lady 'Mom'. I remember our many conversations . . . and when it was time to end she would look at me, smile, and say how good it was we solved all the problems in the world - we'll do it again. Thank you for your heart of love, for being my 'other mother'. I will miss you. Love Geri###imported-begin##Geri Gruber###imported-end##

February 21, 2012 at 05:32 AM



“ I remember when your mom and dad would come out elk hunting and fishing in Oregon. Lots of card playing, visiting and fun. Verna was a grand lady. Family was everything to her. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.###imported-begin##Judy Skirvin###imported-end##

February 19, 2012 at 10:44 PM



“ *Mother was one of the most giving people you would have the pleasure of knowing. She was a great letter writer although she was not fond of her own handwriting. I picture her sitting at the dining room table early in the morning writing letters to my brothers when they were in the service. I was just a little girl at the time. There was never a birthday or anniversary that went by without getting a card from her. This included children, their spouses and grandchildren. Along with it was a hand written note. I still have some of them because I knew it would be wonderful to see that hand writing again picturing my mom sitting there writing it. I love you Mom.*
Carol###imported-begin##*Carol Athman*###imported-end##

February 19, 2012 at 02:28 PM



“ *My thoughts go out to all the family, i was deeply saddened to read of her passing. She was a great lady and though its been some time since we last met I still miss her, yaaa her bread toooo!!!*

Sincerely,
Derrick Taylor###imported-begin##*Derrick Taylor and family*###imported-end##

February 17, 2012 at 02:59 PM



“ We and everyone who knew and loved your mom will miss her. She was a special lady. She gave us her overnight roll recipe; we always think of her when we use it, and we use it a lot. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Aunt LaVern and Bev###imported-begin##LaVern & Bev
Fleckenstein###imported-end##

February 17, 2012 at 02:35 PM



“ What a great pleasure it was to know you and Grandpa. Showing every day that family is your most prized asset. I'm not sure when I will have my next hot dish or who I will share my beer with but all my memories are wonderful!###imported-begin##Tim
Hartmann###imported-end##

February 17, 2012 at 01:34 PM



“ I can still smell your biscuits baking for Saturday evening dinner.

Janelle (Gruber) Hartmann###imported-begin##Janelle (Gruber)
Hartmann###imported-end##

February 17, 2012 at 01:04 PM



“ She had a life full of LOVE, blessed with twelve children, hardwork; hardship; blessings and joy; great memories; more luck in cards than anyone could wish for; and at the end, suffering and peace. She was a mentor to us all in all aspects of her life, making us laugh, sharing her talents and treasures, and leading us on a path of strong christian values. She will forever be a hero and inspiration in our hearts. We love you so much, MOM.

Janelle Hartmann and Family###imported-begin##Paul & Janelle Hartmann###imported-end##

February 17, 2012 at 12:58 PM



“ Mom, thanks for all the bread you baked - it smelled so good when I came home from school. Thank you for the hundreds of meals you prepared, the tons of laundry you washed and folded, for the wonderful family gatherings that you and Dad so lovingly planned, and for so much more. You are much loved and greatly missed!
Rose###imported-begin##Rose Seymour###imported-end##

February 17, 2012 at 08:16 AM



“ Mom, you were such an amazing women who could work circles around most people--lots of energy in that little body. You will always be missed and we are so glad you and dad are reunited. Love, Paula###imported-begin##Paula Colbert###imported-end##

February 17, 2012 at 01:07 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Verna's passing. It was a pleasure to know her. All of you must be so proud of her. She lived a good life. God Bless you, Mary Wolke##imported-begin##Mary Wolke##imported-end##

February 16, 2012 at 04:33 PM



“ Grandma, I had the great privilege of getting to spend many years of my childhood with you and Grandpa. I am so blessed to have had your influence in my life. And now you are at last reunited with Grandpa and Daddy. We miss them both so much, but know you and our precious Lord will take good care of them until we are all reunited on that glorious day!!!##imported-begin##Angi Gruber-Bitzan##imported-end##

February 16, 2012 at 01:03 PM



“ Tom & Nancy. You have my deepest regrets on the loss of Verna. I know it's difficult to lose a parent and you have my sympathy.##imported-begin##Tom Wolke##imported-end##

February 16, 2012 at 11:52 AM



“ Hey mom miss you. Glad you are at peace. Love,
Carmen##imported-begin##Carmen Watland##imported-end##

February 16, 2012 at 10:00 AM



“ Miss you grandma. May you be at peace and eternal rest. Don't let grandpa fish too much.##imported-begin##Eric Gruber##imported-end##

February 14, 2012 at 07:36 PM