



## LaVerda B. Walker

December 7, 1925 - August 16, 2024

A Memorial Service for LaVerda will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church in Carleton, Nebraska with Pastor Beth Roegner presiding.

No Visitation will be held.

Private Family Graveside Services will be conducted prior to the Memorial Service at the Carleton City Cemetery in Carleton, Nebraska.

In Lieu of Flowers - Memorials are to be directed to the family to be designated at a later date in LaVerda's name.

Following the Memorial Service there will be a time of fellowship and lunch at the Carleton Fire Hall in Carleton, Nebraska.

LaVerda Berdell (Houck) Walker, the only child of Amanda (Bowman) and Harold Houck, was born on December 7, 1925 in rural Strang, NE. She passed away on August 16, 2024 in Lincoln, NE at the age of 98.

LaVerda was baptized, confirmed and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning, NE until she joined Zion Lutheran Church in Carleton, NE in 1947.

LaVerda lived in rural Strang, attending Strang grade school for 2 years and then went to country school. She started high school in Bruning and then moved to Nampa, Idaho with her parents, where they lived from 1940 to 1942. She graduated from Geneva, NE High School in 1944. LaVerda did secretarial work at the Bruning Air Base until it closed and then worked in the Fillmore County Clerk's office in Geneva.

LaVerda married Norman Walker on March 24, 1946 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning, when he returned home from serving in WWII. They had an extended honeymoon while traveling in NE, SD and ND, when Norman worked for the Cappers Publications as a salesman along with other veterans. They lived in Carleton, NE most of their married life, where Norman was a farmer. LaVerda & Norman were blessed with three children: Victoria, Jim, and Kelly.

LaVerda was very active in the Carleton community. She was involved with the Zion Lutheran Church, Carleton America Legion Auxiliary, Brownie Scouts, Cub Scouts, Woman's Club, Community Improvement, Milo Day Committee, as well as the Davenport VFW Auxiliary and the Hospital Guild in Hebron. LaVerda was the Carleton newspaper correspondent and wrote local news for the Hebron Journal and the Deshler Rustler. She was also the record keeper for the Carleton Cemetery for 25 years. She enjoyed working for the Wittenberger Drugstore in Carleton for several years in the 1960s. She always kept in touch with family and friends in NE and throughout the country.

LaVerda and Norman always loved going to their children and grandchildren's sporting and music events, as well as other activities. They belonged to the Spring Creek Swingers Square Dance Club in Ruskin, and they enjoyed ballroom dancing since the 1940s. LaVerda and Norman were avid Husker fans and attended football games in Lincoln for 40 years, as well as going to many of the out-of-state games with friends. They enjoyed traveling, especially attending the Tin Can Sailors conventions, going to Japan to see

their son, and visiting relatives and friends across the country.

In 2006, LaVerda and Norman moved to an independent living community at The Landing at Williamsburg in Lincoln, NE. They celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary in March, 2008. After Norman passed in 2008, LaVerda continued living at The Landing, moving to Assisted Living at The Landing in 2022. During LaVerda's 18 years at her "second home", she thoroughly enjoyed all her new friends and attended many of the group and religious activities held at The Landing, as well as group trips to events in Lincoln. She also appreciated all the caring support and interaction from The Landing staff.

She is survived by her three children and their spouses: Victoria Schwab and Mel Bargas, Colorado Springs, CO; Dr. James Walker and Linda Porter, Lincoln, NE; Kelly Walker and Yoriko Walker-Matsumoto, Snohomish, WA; 9 grandchildren: Andrew Schwab, Highlands Ranch, CO; James Walker (Delney), Palo Alto, CA; Daniel Fox-Walker (Annalisa Alberti), Bainbridge Island, WA; Laura Berger (Ben Elsener), Washington, D.C.; Daniel Berger, Covington, KY; Timothy Berger, New York City, NY; Maasa Walker, San Deigo, CA; Yuiho Walker Mrozinski (Matt), Snohomish, WA; Ian Walker, Osaka, Japan; 7 great grandchildren: Cameron Schwab, Chapin Walker, Aidy Walker, Lincoln Alberti Fox-Walker, Lillian Elsener, Madex Mrozinski and Elle Alberti Fox-Walker; aunt, Pat Houck Hobbs, Fairmont, NE plus many other relatives and friends. LaVerda was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Norman.

# Cemetery Details

## Carleton City Cemetery

Carleton, NE

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

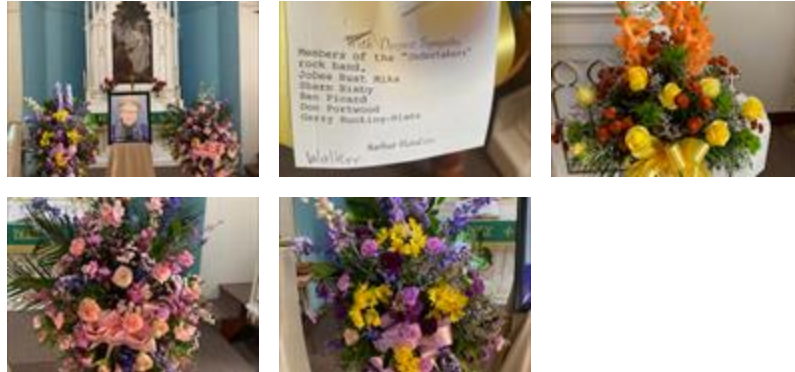
SEP 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church  
505 8th st  
carelton, NE 68326

# Tribute Wall



“ 7 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - September 11, 2024 at 07:55 PM

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“ Oscar and Wanda Tegtmeier's Family purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of LaVerda B. Walker.



Oscar and Wanda Tegtmeier's Family - September 02, 2024 at 06:48 PM

SP

“ Jim, I know that Dan loved and respected your mom so much. I am fortunate to have met her. What a very special lady! I will be thinking about you and your family during this sad time.

Sharon Petersen - August 17, 2024 at 09:06 AM

MG

“ Laverda and Norman were great friends with my parents, Ernie and Lucy. The 4 of them went ballroom dancing together. Victoria was a babysitter for me, and years later, Kelly and I kept each other company while our parents went out. Laverda called me every year for my birthday, and we'd reminisce. I visited her at the Landing when I was home. I loved her, and will miss our talks.

Mitzi Gitlin - August 16, 2024 at 09:23 PM

VJ

“ LaVerda was a gracious, kind, loving lady, who always was glad to visit and talk of old times. Our thoughts and prayers! 🙏🙏🙏



Virginia Johnson - August 16, 2024 at 08:25 PM

JV

I can still see your mom standing out in the yard hollering to all her neighbors about what a beautiful day we are having. She loved to visit, she was a very special person, and will be missed.

Janet Voss - August 20, 2024 at 10:18 AM

RJ

Jim, Victoria, Kelly and your families, I just learned today (22nd) of your mom's entering into eternity. My prayers go up for your comfort and peace. LaVerda was a force unto herself and she left her impact on the world as a stone sends ripples out in the pond! She kept me updated on people I didn't even know! Bless her memory! She was a good friend to Doris L., especially, as they were both farm wives. I remember your dad, Norman, too. They were good partners. Thank you for sharing her with us at the Landing for so many years. Her spirit and smile will linger in the air! We all shall be made new in Christ Jesus! He is risen! Alleluia!

Pastor Renae Johnson

Renae Johnson - August 22, 2024 at 11:43 AM

DH

*LaVerda was a friend to my mother Marilyn Lynn when they were teenagers attending school at Geneva High School. They remained life-long friends. I also had the pleasure of knowing LaVerda as she was anxious to help me update the GHS Alumni records. She was so gracious and kind. Sympathy to her family*

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**Diane Heath** - August 27, 2024 at 04:12 PM