

VERNICE WAHUS



Vernice Wedar Wahus, 98, of Hilliard, passed away peacefully Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at the Life Care Center of Hilliard. She was born May 29, 1921 on her family's farm at Maxbass, North Dakota. She spent most of her life in North Dakota working with her family on the farm. She was the last living member of the Holden Congregation that her parents started in rural Maxbass. The church is gone but the cemetery still remains. Her father passed away when she was young, leaving her and her mother to keep the family farm going, which included cows, chickens, goats, etc. The summers were hard, as she continued through school and worked at the farm. During the brutal winters they hired a helper.

She married George Wahus on February 12, 1942 in a Lutheran Parsonage in Bottineau, North Dakota. He was a finish carpenter in the building industry. After marriage they began their love story of helping others, beginning with caring for her mother in their home in Minot, North Dakota. The two continued their life in North Dakota where they raised their three children. Following retirement, they were volunteers at the local hospital racking up numerous volunteer hours together. They loved helping people in any way they could. Years later, they moved to Hilliard to be closer to their daughter.

They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 2012 with a luncheon celebration held in their honor. They also received a proclamation from the Town of Callahan for their special milestone. A year and a half later, on August 16, 2013, Mr. George passed away.

Shortly following Mr. George's passing, Mrs. Vernice moved to the Life Care Center of Hilliard. She continued her passion to help others even though she was then on the other end of needing help. Many times she would sew buttons on items for nurses or CNAs, make beaded jewelry for employees and residents of the center and just be a listening ear to others. She was always a friend to her roommates as they shared stories of their lives to each other. She was a remarkable woman who loved life and sharing hers with others. She will be forever remembered by those she touched and loved.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband of over 70 years, George Wahus; and a daughter Karen.

She is survived by her children Eileen and Terry Von Fossen of Callahan and Roger and Penny Wahus of Minot, North Dakota; 10 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Private services will be held at a later date.