



In Loving Memory
Viola Violet Nell

“Vi”

Date of Birth
November 28, 1929

Date of Death
January 4, 2025

Memorial Service
10:30 A.M. Saturday, January 18, 2024
Zion Lutheran Church
Ellendale, North Dakota

Officiating: Pastor Paul Preus
Organist: Marilyn Burow
Soloist: Randy Entzminger
“This is the day”

Congregational Singing

“Abide with Me”	#878
“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”	#575
“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”	#922

Honorary Urn Bearers
All members of the Local American Legion
and VFW Auxiliaries.

Private Spring Burial
Ellendale City Cemetery
Ellendale, North Dakota

Arrangements by
Hoven Funeral Chapel
Ellendale, North Dakota

***They that wait upon the Lord shall
renew their strength;
They shall mount up with
wings as eagles;
They shall run and not be weary;
They shall walk,
and not be faint.***

Isaiah 40:31

Viola Violet (Entzminger) Nell, the youngest daughter of Jacob and Katharina (Reich) Entzminger was born November 28, 1929, on their Family farm in Northeast Swede Township, in LaMoure County, North Dakota. She attended Sunday School and Church in the same area, and attended grade school in Swede Township country schools and graduated from Kulm High School in 1947. She then attended the Dakota Business School for two years, landing her first job as the office manager for Kee Brothers Ford-Mercury in Ellendale on February 12, 1949. Vi was baptized, confirmed and became a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Ellendale. in March 1952, where she remained a member until her death. She and Theodore "Ted" Nell were married on October 14, 1951, at Zion Lutheran Church. This union was blessed with 5 Sons; Ellis (Butch), Dwain, Craig, Brent and Alan, who died on June 3, 1969. Vi later worked at the Ellendale Memorial Hospital (1953-64), First National Bank (1964-81), Brost Implement (1983-84), County Deputy Register of Deeds and Taxes (1984-98). She retired in September 1998. Vi was active in the American Legion Auxiliary, making cakes for their birthday celebration for over 50 years and also active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. She was a HUGE proponent of both group's poppy programs and served on the American Legion Baseball board for 18 years. Vi was known to send homemade cards to friends, family and others for special occasions or whenever congratulations were in order. Two Dollar bills often accompanied each card. Vi's Boys were important to her. They all participated in sports. She was an avid fan and was an Ellendale Wrestling Mom and proud of it! Vi passed away after a stroke. Her death was preceded by her Parents (1959), Husband Ted (2004), Son Alan (1969), along with her 4 Brothers (Bernie, Emil, Roy and Paul) and her Sisters (Adele Wattenphul & Ruth Gahner). She will be missed by her Family and the Ellendale Community.

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