

Evonne C. Bode, age 87 of Perham, died on Monday, September 9, 2024 at her home.

Evonne Carole Stender was born in the family farmhouse on April 9, 1937 in Young America, MN. She attended grade school in a one room schoolhouse. She continued her education in Young America. After graduating from high school in 1955, Evonne went to Concordia Junior College in St. Paul, MN. There she met David, and enjoyed a five-year courtship. On August 6th, 1960 they were united in marriage. From this marriage came forth four children: Timothy, Rebecca, Elizabeth, and Steven.

Evonne's goal was the simple life with her husband and children. Her hobbies were following the rules of 4H for balanced meals. She liked to sew for herself and her daughters. She would knit sweaters for her children, husband, and friends.

Being a pastor's wife (which was her dream), moved her around quite a bit. She spent time as a pastor's wife on Vancouver Island, Canada then in North Branch, MN. Then on to Maple Grove and Bemidji, MN. At that time David was elected as president of the Minnesota North District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, and Evonne became the first lady.

Evonne was preceded in death by her parents, Edgar and Elsie Stender; her sister, Sandra; and brother, Loren. She will be greatly missed by her husband David; her four children, Timothy (Mary) Bode, Rebecca Bode, Elizabeth (Daniel) Esch, and Steven Bode; seven grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

In short, Evonne's life could be summarized by the four words on the backside of her headstone which simply says: "It's all about- JESUS."

Remembering

T H E L I F E O F



Evonne Carole Bode
April 9, 1937 ~ September 9, 2024

The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.

He maketh me to
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my
soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23

Funeral Service

Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Perham, Minnesota

Officiant

Pastor Andrew Ratcliffe

Musician

Andrea Greiff

Pallbearers

Adam Barkley ~ Josiah Bode ~ Micah Bode
Daniel Esch ~ Evan Esch ~ Isaac Esch

Interment

St. John's Lutheran Cemetery
Vergas, Minnesota