



*And God will wipe away
every tear from their eyes;
there shall be no more death,
nor sorrow, nor crying.
There shall be no more pain,
for the former things
have passed away.*

Revelation 21:4 (NKJV)



In Loving Memory
Alvera Mae Boniek

Date of Birth
August 25, 1935

Date of Death
January 9, 2026

Funeral Service
2:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 13, 2026
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Hecla, South Dakota

Officiating: Pastor Tim Daub
Organist: Micki Daub

Congregational Singing

"In the Garden"	<i>insert</i>
"Rock of Ages"	#376
"What a Friend We Have In Jesus"	#457
"Just As I Am"	#388
"Heaven is My Home"	#660

Honorary Casket Bearers

Christopher Carlson	David Payne	April Weight
Shelby Knox	Dianna Heinze	Lindsey Boniek
Daniel Payne	Doris Kitzing	Courtney Wonchoba
	Deszirae Payne	

Burial

Ludden Cemetery
Ludden, North Dakota

Arrangements by
Hoven Funeral Chapel
Ellendale, North Dakota

Alvera Mae (Radtke) Boniek was born August 25, 1935 in rural Brookfield Township Renville County Minnesota, to William and Ethel (Laabs) Radtke. She passed to the waiting arms of Jesus on January 9, 2026, after a short illness.

Alvera attended country grade school a quarter mile from the Radtke Farm. She didn't care much for school work but loved handwriting—"from doodling", And recess. She was the only girl in her cohort so she became adept at athletic games. She graduated from Hutchinson, MN High School with the class of 1953.

Alvera worked for "Ma Bell" As a telephone operator in Willmar and Litchfield, MN. She and her girlfriends frequented the dance halls in Green Lake, Spicer, Darwin and Litchfield. At one of those dances, she met Royal Boniek of Hawick Minnesota. They married in 1958. The Bonieks farmed, milked cows and raised sheep, pigs and chickens on farms near Hawick, Murdock and Montevideo, Minnesota. In 1972 they moved to Royal's birth area near Ellendale, North Dakota where they built a home 7 miles east of town.

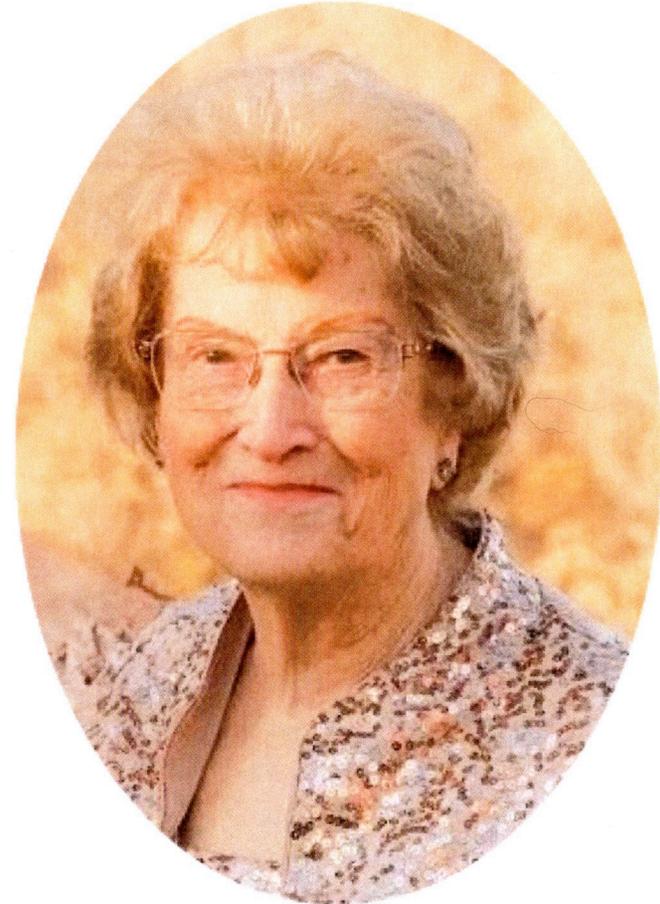
Alvera was Royals farm hand and a homemaker. She worked as "the bath aide" at what is now the Benedictine Care Center in Ellendale for over 30 years. She was also an "Avon lady" for many years. Alvera enjoyed visiting, "going for coffee", flowers, playing pinocle, travel and cruises. She and Royal traveled all over the United States and internationally to Germany, Switzerland, Turkey, Israel, Russia, and the Caribbean. Alvera's faith was very important to her— She was an active member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Hecla SD.

Alvera was known for her coffee—"not so tick!", Her strawberry jam, Her cherry cheesecake and "putting butter and sugar on everything". She was also well known by her family and friends for her many "sayings": "Oh pitty", "doggone it", "you behave", "there you be ralphie", "you kids"— some in German: "wunderbar" (wonderful), "aber dock ja" (but yes) and "was ist los" (what is going on) and many others.

Alvera is survived by her daughters Nancy (Dave) Carlson of Tioga, ND and Debra Payne of Minnesota Lake, MN, and a son, Perry (Sue) Boniek of Ellendale. Ten grandchildren: Christopher (Nicole) Carlson, Shelby (Kasey) Knox, Dianna (Kyle) Heinze, Doris (David) Kitzing, Daniel, David and Deszirae Payne, April (Brady) Weight, Lindsey Boniek and Courtney (Eric) Wonchoba. Ten great grandchildren. A brother Harvey (Gloria) Radtke, sisters-in-law Gloria Radtke, Madaline Radtke, Sharon Boniek and Renata Hartley. Brother-in-law Leo Boniek and many dear friends and extended family.

Alvera was proceeded in death by her parents, husband Royal and son Mark, brothers Ralph and Willard, sisters Irene Floy and Lorraine Getz And brothers-in-law Bob Floy, Don Getz, Elmer Boniek and Bernard Hartley.

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