



Irene E. Ave

May 9, 1916, rural Velva, ND - April 15, 2009, Velva, ND

Funeral Service

Oak Valley Lutheran Church, Velva, ND
Tuesday, April 21, 2009 - 2:00 p.m.

Officiating Clergy

Rev. Tim Johnson

Music

Congregational Hymns
Processional, "Abide With Me"
"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"
Recessional, "How Great Thou Art"
Marilyn Anderson, organist

Honorary Bearers

All of Irene's nieces and nephews

Those Who Shared In Her Life

Son, Larry Ave, Williston, ND; sister, Willadean Pettit, Minot; numerous nieces and nephews and special friends, Joe, Anita and Ben Zietz of Velva.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents, William and Martha; sisters, Laura Howe and Dora Hammer; brothers, Melvin and Louie Ave.

Burial

A private burial will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Minot

Following the funeral everyone is invited to join the family for lunch and fellowship in the church fellowship hall.

Irene's family would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness shown during this time of loss. We would also like to thank family, friends and neighbors who helped Irene during her lifetime, and the wonderful staff at the Souris Valley Care Center and the home health organization for all the good care she received. God bless the memory of Irene Ave!

Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, Velva

TO THOSE I LOVE AND THOSE WHO LOVE ME

When I am gone, release me, let me go-
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
Be thankful for our beautiful years.

I gave to you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness...
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a time that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,
All my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile, and say --
"Welcome home!"

- Beth Ellen Petroske