

Irene was born May 9, 1916 on the family farm south of Velva, ND to William and Martha (Fritz) Ave. She was raised and educated in that area.

Irene lived her entire life in Velva and worked for several area businesses and private people.

Irene was a member of Oak Valley Lutheran Church, Velva. She enjoyed going to visit her son, Larry and his friends at Williston. She loved visiting family and friends and going on the senior bus on Fridays and having lunch with her friends. Irene loved gardening and taking care of her cats.



“I’m Free Indeed”

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at close of day.
If my parting has left a void
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
ah, yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me
God wanted me now:
He set me free.

Mark Thomas



*In Loving Memory
Of
Irene E. Ave
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