



*I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a spec of white cloud just where the sea and the sky come together to mingle with each other.*

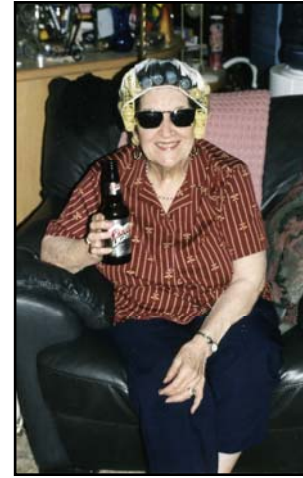
*Then someone at my side says:  
"There, She is gone!"*

*"Gone where?"*

*Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port.*

*Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just as the moment when someone at her side says: "There, she is gone!" there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout: "Here she comes!"*

*-Anonymous*



## ***Violet (Vi) Van Ness***

*May 18, 1922, Haileybury, Ontario, Canada*

*February 15, 2009, San Antonio, Texas*

### ***Funeral***

*First Presbyterian Church, Minot, ND*

*Friday, February 20, 2009 at 11 a.m.*

### ***Officiant***

*Dr. Rev. Bob Edwards*

### ***Music***

*"On Eagles Wings"*

*"The Lord's Prayer"*

*Kari Andersen, vocalist*

*Gary Stenehjelm, organist*

### ***Honorary Bearers***

*All of Vi's family and friends*

### ***Burial***

*Rosehill Memorial Park, Minot, ND*

*This will take place in the spring of 2009.*

*Following the service in the church, everyone is invited to join with the family in a time of fellowship in the fireside room of the church.*

*Vi's family would like to thank everyone for all of the kindnesses accorded to them at this most difficult time. May God Bless You All!*

*Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, Minot, ND*