



## Verna Ann Hendrickson

March 4, 1934 - February 1, 2024

Verna Ann (Tikkanen) Hendrickson, died on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at the Meeker Memorial Hospital in Litchfield. A funeral service will be held on Friday, February 9, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church in Cokato with Rev. Lyndon Korhonen officiating the service. The interment will be held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel. There will be a one-hour visitation at the Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church in Cokato prior to the service on Friday morning.

Verna Ann (Tikkanen) Hendrickson was born on March 4, 1934, in Houghton, Michigan. Verna grew up in the Hancock area where she was baptized in the Christian faith and was presently a member of the Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church in Cokato. Verna graduated from Hancock Central High School and continued her education at Highland Park School of Nursing, Highland Park Michigan, where she received her training as a Registered Nurse.

On November 3, 1956, Verna was united in marriage to Walter William Hendrickson in Detroit Michigan. Together they made their home in Detroit until 1972, when they moved to Berkley, Michigan. Verna was employed as a

surgical nurse at Northwest General Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. In 1994, Verna and Walter moved to Kingston, Minnesota where they spent their summers and enjoyed the Arizona sun during the winters.

Verna had a deep love for the Lord, and this was demonstrated through the way she lived her daily life. She treasured the time she spent on her devotionals; she also enjoyed spending time reading, writing in her journal, completing crossword puzzles, sewing, crocheting, and traveling. She continued to spend the winters in Arizona following the death of her husband. The greatest joy of her life was her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved the holidays, and special events that brought the family together. Her many friends and family will deeply miss the joy and love that she gave everyone that she met.

She is survived by her children, Steven (Mary) Hendrickson of Cokato, MN; Neal (Cheryl) Hendrickson of Dripping Springs, Texas; Paul Hendrickson of Kingston, Aaron (Renee) Hendrickson of Stanwood, WA; Vickie (Robert) Bulloch, of Berkley, MI; Valerie (Todd) Calhoun of Madison Heights, MI; and Pamela (Grant) Gildner of Berkley, MI; 16 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister in-law, her cherished nieces in Au Gres, MI, and several other beloved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter in 2004, her parents, Waino and Lydia Tikkanen, siblings, Eldon Tikkanen, Carl Tikkanen, Helen Lehto, Rose Wahlstrom, Lempe Tikkanen, and Leo Tikkanen.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the inter-Lutheran seminary, P.O. Box 449, Hancock, MI 49930, or Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, 5939 Oliver Avenue SW, Cokato, MN 55321.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Snelling National Veterans Cemetery

7601 34th Ave S.  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Johnson Funeral Home  
PO Box 1 611 N 2nd Street  
Dassel, MN 55325  
(320) 275-3381  
jfhdassel@spectrum.net

## Funeral Service

FEB 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church  
5939 Oliver Ave SW  
Cokato, MN 55321

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Verna Ann Tikkanen*

*Hello and greetings from Finland! My deepest condolences. I'm sure she was a remarkable person.*

*I found this photo of Verna from the album of my grandparents.*

*I believe Verna was a cousin of my grandmother Reine Saresvaara (Kanerva). Her parents were Emmi and Einari Kanerva.*

*Or she may have been a cousin of my grandfather Toivo Saresvaara (Santapukki). His parents were Hilma and Mikko Santapukki.*



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**Seija Kunelius** - February 03 at 05:52 AM

DO

“ *I'm sorry to hear Verna has passed away, my deepest sympathy. I met Verna through my job in Litchfield what a kind, sweet lady. She will be in your hearts always.*



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**Donna Olson** - February 10, 2024 at 11:25 AM

RB

“ Robert (Bob) Bulloch

*My memories of Verna go back quite a few years (52) to 1972 when the Hendrickson family moved to Berkley, Mi.*

*I first met Vickie through a friend that introduced me to her on the front steps of Berkley High School in 1972. I was pretty nervous the first time I went to Vickie's house to meet her parents and family.*

*There was one time when Verna received flowers delivered and thought they were for her, but I had sent them to Vickie. Verna being Verna always kept me on my toes, most of the times I went over Wally as she called him was working afternoons. Well, we dated off and on from that introduction until sometime in 1974 when we went our separate ways. In the summer of 1975, I returned from a delayed senior trip, by chance stopping by Vickie's house and she had just moved back in, and I was broke living at my parents' house a few blocks away. Well, we started dating again and in December of 1975 we moved into my grandfathers in Detroit. In those days that didn't go very well with Vickie's parents (You Know Living in Sin), and we both got a lot of guff for it. One time we had gone over to the house and Vickie got into an argument with her dad, well she took off in the car leaving me sitting on the porch and I listened to the Holy Grail from Wally for like an hour when Vickie finally came back with my car. Well, it took me a little while, but I finally asked Vickie to marry me (I had previously given her an Opal ring which she still wears) and in April of 1979 we did just that and I became the son-in-law.*

*Well going on the 49th year of being together with Vickie I will share my fondest memories of Verna.*

*Sunday dinners Verna outdid herself inviting other guests and her pork/beef roasts were to die for and the gravy, well the gravy it was superb. Oh, and then there was her homemade apple sauce made from Traverse city Mac's, I would save my roll and eat the two kind of like pre desert. One time she cooked an Elk roast with pork and didn't tell anyone until after dinner :).*

*Minnesota vacations with the whole family on lake Francis (Ray & Elsie's cabin) for two weeks for maybe 20 some years could be 30. We had some great times enjoying ourselves at the Hendrickson*

*family reunion, Fishing (We'd have a gang over for a fish fry), take the elder ladies for a boat ride around the lake, water skiing and tubing, one time we went water skiing under the moonlight. When Verna & Wally moved to Minnesota after Wally retired Vickie and I would still go to Minnesota with the family for vacation and Verna most of the time had dinner waiting when we arrived. Verna will be dearly missed, as I lost my mother at a young age of 59 and I was. 26. Verna was kind of a mother figure to me, and if you knew Verna, she would let me have it sometimes showing me her love. I could go on about her love, kindness and devotion to family and friends as this just touches on my memories.*

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**Robert Bulloch** - February 08, 2024 at 06:21 PM

VB

“ *Vickie Bulloch*  
*Oh, how blessed I've been, that you've been my mother, confidant and friend.*  
*I will love you forever and miss you always.*

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**Vickie Bulloch** - February 08, 2024 at 04:55 PM



“ *The Roberts family wish to remember a most kind kind and caring friend - Bill and Helen of Fremont, Michigan, Matthew and Kristen (Penn, Whitaker and Blythe, of Grand Grand Rapids, and Timothy and Jennifer (lydia and Jude), also of Grand Rapids*

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**Richard Roberts** - February 08, 2024 at 02:51 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Verna Ann Hendrickson.



February 07, 2024 at 01:52 PM



“ The Anderson Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Verna Ann Hendrickson.



**The Anderson Family** - February 06, 2024 at 03:10 PM



“ Sheri T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Verna Ann Hendrickson.

**Sheri T.** - February 06, 2024 at 02:44 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Verna Ann Hendrickson.



February 05, 2024 at 12:52 PM



“ Your Zion Church Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Verna Ann Hendrickson.

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Your Zion Church Family - February 05, 2024 at 12:52 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Verna Ann Hendrickson.



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February 03, 2024 at 05:29 PM