



## Verna Melva Vogel

April 29, 2013

Verna Melva Vogel, 95, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri passed away April 29, 2013 at the Lutheran Home. She was born April 21, 1918 at the family farm near Pocahontas, daughter of Joseph C. and Alvina Gerharter Engelhart. She and A. Melvin Vogel were married June 25, 1949 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Pocahontas. A long time educator, she began teaching in the Poplar Ridge one room school in Cape Girardeau County, then taught in Jackson and Mehlville, Missouri, and then a short time in Peoria, Illinois. Later in life she taught in Oak Ridge, New Hamburg and Delta. She attended classes at Washington University and Harris Teachers College before receiving a Bachelor of Science in Education, and later a Masters of Arts in Education at Southeast Missouri State University. She was a charter member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church where she was active in many areas of church life: Altar Guild, Sunday School Teacher, Kennedy Evangelism Program, and served with her husband as the first trainers in the Stephen Ministry. She was in the first volunteer class of the Southeast Missouri Hospital Hospice and served as a long-time hospice volunteer. She was an active volunteer with the Southeast Hospital Auxiliary as well as the local chapter of the Mended Hearts. She and her husband served as volunteers with the American Red Cross, providing community assistance during natural disasters in Southeast Missouri. She was an active member of Southeast Missouri State University Alumni Association and the University's International Student Program, serving as a host family to a number of international students. She was a 46

year member of the FCE Northernaires and Kage Clubs. Survivors include children, David Vogel of Morrison, Colorado; Mark Vogel (Susan) of Boone, North Carolina; Ann Brizzi (Dennis) of Sanford, Florida; and Robert Vogel (Janice) of Alexandria, Virginia; three grandchildren, Erin Shellenberger (Jeremy) of Jacksonville, Florida; Jack Vogel of Seattle, Washington; and Sara Vogel of Alexandria, Virginia; and two great-grandchildren, Jerin and Corey Shellenberger of Jacksonville, Florida. Also surviving are two sisters-in-law, Joy Engelhart of Pocahontas, and Joann Vogel of Cape Girardeau and a number of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and brothers J. Charles Engelhart and Harold Engelhart. Visitation will be Thursday, May 2, 2013 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Friday, May 3, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 804 N. Cape Rock Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 with Rev.'s Paul Short and Mark Martin officiating. Burial will follow at Cape County Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Southeast Hospice and the Nature Conservancy.

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Mark, so sorry to hear about your mom. While I didn't know that she was such an accomplished lady, I'm not surprised to learn of it -- now I know where your teaching talent comes from. My thoughts are with you and your family.

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**Joyce Osborn Barylski** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Verna lived down the street from me and she, I and two other ladies in the neighborhood used to walk up and down Butler St for exercise and companionship. We called ourselves *The Street Walkers*. I greatly admired Verna for her liveliness and humor. Even though she is now gone, I have many wonderful memories of her that will never go away.

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**Linda Dedert** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Verna was a wonderful lady. She sat with my Mom, Beatrice Margrabe, at assisted living East. She was a good friend to my mother. When she found out my last name was Burger, she remembered teaching Russell Burger at New Hamburg. At Mom's funeral she visited with my mother-in-law, Vera Burger. They had a lot of memories to share. It was special to get to know Verna. She will be missed by all who knew her.

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**Pat Burger** - May 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ So sorry for the passing of Aunt Verna. I just found out this morning! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. One great memory I have of your parents is when they brought the camper to my parents house and they popped it up in the front yard! Good ole days! Thinking you all today as you lay your mother to rest. ((hugs))

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**Pam & Jeff Jaworowski** - March 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ To the Vogel family, my condolences on the passing of you mother. she was a great teacher, tutor and mentor. My thoughts are with her today.

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**Bob Pollack** - March 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ I had the privilege of being getting to know Verna through St Andrew's Bus Buddys. She only missed Church on very rare occasions and was always pleasant and engaged. She had a strong faith and is truly a Grace filled woman.

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**Daryl King** - March 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Mark, I remember your mom well from the days when we would listen to music in your room in the basement. I am sure she always had your interests at heart which is why I was rightly a questionable influence. I am sorry for your loss. My Dad passed away bout 1 year ago. It would be great to hear from you. Take care.

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**Bill Cobb** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ To David, Mark, Robert, Ann & other family members: It was my special joy to have shared a brief portion of verna's life. I met her through my late husband "Kenneth Sides" in the year 2000. I spoke with her by phone on occasion. Truly to know her was to love her. I do regret that I am unable to attend this time with you for I now live in TX., near my sons. My prayers and thoughts are with each of you. Love Shirley Sides

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**Shirley Sides** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Goodbye to a very special lady. She has touch many lives and was my most memorable teacher. It amazed me after 40 years she could recall names of almost all her students and events that happened. I am glad I was able to see her again and visit with her, also to get the opportunity to tell her how wonderful she was. Heaven has gained a special angel.

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**Carri Dock (Westrich)** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I am the Home Economist from the Cape Girardeau County Extension Office. Verna was always a deep thinker and I know she really enjoyed reading the essays from the 4th grade students on character. I want to convey my fond memory of Verna. I know the Kage Extension Homemakers have missed Verna.

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**Mary Gosche** - January 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM