



Vera Arletta Morse

May 17, 1927 - December 2, 2024

Vera Arletta Morse was born on May 17, 1927 in Dunlap, Iowa to George and Vera (Hack) McCord. She was the fifth of ten children. She grew up during the great depression on a simple farm. Vera grew up without many of the basic things we take for granted today. She took a bath in a tin tub in the kitchen since they didn't have hot water, and the farmhouse was hot in the summer and cold in the winter with several kids sharing a bed to keep warm. Some of the food came straight from the farm and there were chores to do. These hardships, however, set the foundation for a solid work ethic, mental toughness, and a strong sense of independence. All of these traits helped her to mold her children and grandchildren.

Later, Vera attended business school where she met a fun loving, skinny, redheaded young man named Leroy and the two were soon happily married. They raised six children together. She loved and was devoted to her family and always put them first. When her kids had curves in the road or setbacks, she was always there to listen. She led by example, showing that you should give back to others when you can. She shared money with animal shelters, homeless shelters, children in foreign countries, and women who lacked opportunities she had, all while being on a budget. Vera always encouraged her children to get an education or find a career that allowed them to take care of themselves. Her children always knew how incredibly lucky they were to have her, and they know the world without their mom will never be the same.

On December 2, 2024, Vera passed away at the age of 97. Her long life and her gentle, positive, and giving ways were a gift to her family, so we are joining together to celebrate her from 4-7pm on Friday, December 13, 2024 at Reichmuth Funeral Home.

Vera was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Morse and siblings, Clair, Harold, Helen, Ruby, Ina, Vesta, and Carol. She is survived by children: Jan Walker, Randy (Michele) Morse, Karen (Mark) Tucker, Brian Morse, Jamie (Jerry) Hough, and Sheri (Scott) Geer; grandchildren: Shaina, Kari, Nicki, Jenny, Aaron, Tara, Jessica, Joshua, Sara, and Paige, several great grandchildren; and siblings, Ronald McCord and Virginia Campbell.

Memorials may be directed to the Nebraska Humane Society.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Vera Arletta Morse*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - December 13, 2024 at 08:42 PM

RS

“ *I did not have the privilege of meeting Vera but as a friend to her daughter, Karen I have heard nothing but loving praise and have seen the dedication that Vera inspires. I am sending my deepest condolences to Karen, Mark, Aaron and the entire family as they grieve Vera. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Rhiannon Spanjers - December 13, 2024 at 01:29 PM

AT

“ *Grandma Vera was like a 2nd mom to me, having lived next door growing up, she basically raised me half of my entire upbringing and I'm so happy to have been close with such a wonderful woman. She was a very kind, giving, and lighthearted person who always made an effort to listen and help others when in need. I'm very lucky and grateful to have shared so many memories, smiling, joking and learning from her and will always feel proud knowing a part of her has made me a better person. She lived a truly long good life, from navigating times of hardship to building and nurturing such a large & vibrant family. We all have a lot to be proud of and she will be dearly missed.*

Aaron Tucker - December 12, 2024 at 08:59 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Vera Arletta Morse.*



December 11, 2024 at 11:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Vera Arletta Morse.

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“ *I got to meet Vera Arletta Morse, when I was in college...she was Karen's mom. When you were around her, you felt accepted & loved. She smiled & quietly welcomed people into her home. She always seemed pleasantly peaceful. At the time I just thought that Karen had a really sweet mom, but didn't think much more about it. As we got older, it was interesting to watch how Karen's mom handled the painful, hard things that life brought. When Karen & I had kids, she'd welcome us to use her pool in the back yard. Even though Vera had experienced loss & pain, she was still peaceful & pleasant to be around, cuddling her little lapdog & smiling. She seemed to accept whatever God put in her life. It was as though she were thinking that today was a good day to be happy...a wise woman, I'd like to learn from. She was one of those from "The Greatest Generation".*

Genny Albrecht

Genny Albrecht - December 11, 2024 at 12:20 PM

MT

“It’s difficult for me to grasp losing Arletta since I still feel as though she is still here and still a part of my life. Perhaps it’s because she passed away so suddenly and it hasn’t sunk in. More so, however, I think it’s because I still feel her presence through all of those who knew her.

The first time Arletta “met” me was when Karen and I snuck over her fence to take a dip in her pool late one night on a date. Unbeknown to me at the time, the bedroom window apparently gave a clear vantage point for Leroy and Arletta.

It didn’t take long before I was in attendance for every holiday and family get together. It was a little awkward at first being the new kid on the block with this large and lively family. Especially with Karen (later to be my wife) accused of being a “cradle robber”. With all the teasing and joking, however, Arletta was always the one to go out of her way to make everyone feel welcome.

Karen and I bought the house next door to her a short time after we were married. It was a perfect arrangement. I was able to help her with what she needed done around her house and she was there to gladly watch over our son Aaron at any given moment. We loved to include her in every event, especially those involving Aaron. There are so many memories that we have of the time that she was our neighbor. Wearing goofy hats, making noise, and playing musical chairs every New Years, hiding Easter eggs on Easter, watching fireworks on the 4th, going to midnight mass on Christmas Eve, sharing a tear over the loss of a pet, and singing “Happy Birthday” and blowing out candles on cake with teeth blackening frosting

I’ve always felt that Arletta was the embodiment of grace and kindness.

I will always remember how easy she was to love.

I will always remember how easy it was to be loved by her.

Mark Tucker - December 10, 2024 at 10:41 PM

CA

“ Vera became “mama” to me at our very first visit. Her warm smile and peaceful demeanor was always something I looked forward to each week on my schedule. Mama loved her massages head to toe and her tea and talk time together. I loved her stories of her growing up on a farm in Iowa with her siblings and parents. She always had words of wisdom when I asked life’s questions for my own family. She was straight forth and very wise.

Her children had the best gift with Vera being their mom. It was beautiful to see how Jan, Karen, and their siblings loved on their mom. They put their mom first and made sure she was a queen. I called her Queen Mama after her shower, as I was brushing her pearly white hair and putting lotion on her arms, legs, and feet one day. We laughed and she became Queen Mama for the day. She smiled and asked me “Am I really a Queen?” “Of course you are!” I responded. The Bible mentions earning jewels for your crown in Heaven over 100 times. Mama wore the crown and deserved every bit of it. Now she’s crowned with beautiful jewels for the faithful life she had here on earth.

God was pulling on my heart strings on Saturday and the Sunday she passed, to call Karen to see if any of the caretakers needed a day off, to tell her I had availability to come visit with Mama. Then I thought, no it’s too late of a notice. Mama will live to 100. Those were my exact thoughts. Now I have the memories of talks and tea. Making puzzles together and learning about life from one special Mama. You will be missed. Rest in peace sweet Mama.

Carmilla - December 09, 2024 at 03:15 PM

PS

“ I wish I lived close enough to share in my Aunt Arletta’s celebration of life. My heart is sad for her children as I know what that loss feels like. She was the backbone of her family, but she is now reunited with the love of her life. Growing up next door to my cousins made it feel like they were siblings. Aunt Arleta always had a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone! You and your family are in my prayers! You were a blessing to this family! 🙏🙏❤️

Pam (Morse) Strunk - December 07, 2024 at 05:42 PM

LA

“ Lorene Tucker & Bret & Linda Anderson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Vera Arletta Morse.



Lorene Tucker & Bret & Linda Anderson - December 07, 2024 at 10:15 AM

EC

“ She was a wonderful lady- exceptionally wise as well as caring and thoughtful. An excellent support to many of us students at Lewis Central, reassuring and encouraging, she was a surrogate Mom. She (and Leroy) were inspirational parents. Celebrate a life well lived and her lasting influence. It will be tough without her. Eden

Eden Carruthers - December 07, 2024 at 08:14 AM

CK

“ Aunt Arletta was one of the most loving, kind and caring people I have ever known. She always was there with an open heart and smile to visit with you about subjects ranging from flowers to many aspects of life. She will be truly missed! My deep love for her will remain in my heart forever!

Cynthia Kautzsch - December 06, 2024 at 07:01 PM

VF

“ Virginia Campbell and family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Vera Arletta Morse.



Virginia Campbell and family - December 06, 2024 at 06:43 PM

JF

“ JackieJeffTerryTony Thompson& families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Vera Arletta Morse.



JackieJeffTerryTony Thompson& families - December 05, 2024 at 03:13 PM

JF

“ JackieJeffTerryTony Thompson& families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vera Arletta Morse.

JackieJeffTerryTony Thompson& families - December 05, 2024 at 03:13 PM

DB

“ If you look at her lovely face, it definitely reflects what a kind, patient, loving person she was. We moved close to the Morse family when I was 8 (Karen being six months older than me was already 9 😊). I was the baby of my family so being thrown in with all the Morse kids was a new experience. But their mother always made me feel welcome in their household and she always radiated calm within the chaos of a busy family. She was a friend and a rock for all her children’s friends. The love and laughter she and her husband shared was so very special, too ❤️.

Debra J Barelos - December 05, 2024 at 10:59 AM

LH

“ A friend, a teacher, an amazing person. I loved Vera’s sunny disposition and great attitude everyday! I loved how she would speak up anytime we were watching a part of a movie she didn’t like. Her legacy is joy and positivity!❤️❤️❤️Missing you dearly, Lori

Lori Harris - December 05, 2024 at 10:14 AM

CR

“ Carla Abel zieg and Roger purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Vera Arletta Morse.



Carla Abel zieg and Roger - December 04, 2024 at 08:01 PM

LW

“ Arletta was so even keeled and non judgmental. She was a great listener! Visiting with Jan, Arletta, and Karen throughout the years was such a treat for me. Especially once my own mom was gone, (she was Arletta's older sister), so having this connection to family became very precious to me. My own mother's love for her sisters and brothers was something she cherished. My mom would share with my two siblings and me, how she and Arletta would ride their pony to church together when they were young children. I will miss her deeply! She was one very remarkable woman! ❤️❤️❤️

Linda Wolff - December 04, 2024 at 06:47 PM

TH

Vera is how I know her! She had a great head of white Beautiful Hair! Hello! My name is Tia Hanson and I would come and fix up Vera's Hair for her! She was such a Joy to come to! She always thought it was amazing that I came from Wahoo and she seemed to like how I fixed it! This for me is a great shock because I had just seen her not to long ago and she seemed just great, nothing wrong at all! Truly she will be missed and greatly treasured by me and her family! She was a great lady and Mother! I have been so blessed to have been able to come and do her hair and make her feel top notch! May God Rest her Soul and peace with her family! God Bless you all with an abundance of his peace and May Vera Be with God and her family as well! Amen My Heart Goes out to you all 🙏🙏❤️

Tia Hanson - December 04, 2024 at 11:33 PM

ER

Vera was a very caring person. When we moved into the neighborhood she excepted us like part of the family. When I removed snow for her and wouldn't take any money she made me the best ham & bean soup that brought back memories of my grandma's . She will be greatly missed.

Emil Radik - December 05, 2024 at 12:15 PM

KJ

Vera was a Very special friend! From sharing many moments with our grandchildren to opening her home for our singles group Potluck and pool parties. I Always loved to visit Vera in her home, she was very welcoming to all of us, including my great grandson. I will miss you. We'll share that piece of pie when I get there, Dear Friend 🥰🙏

Kay Jatón - December 05, 2024 at 12:21 PM

SM

I remember Aunt Arletta as very welcoming to me when I stayed with Jan and Karen in the summer. She will be missed. RIP Arletta. Sharon McCord

sharon McCord - December 05, 2024 at 01:57 PM

SB

I was very shocked & saddened to learn of Vera's sudden passing. She was such a lovely lady, so loving & caring. I've known her for many years, especially through Jan & Karen. I have many fond memories of Vera. From our "girls' out" lunches at Mt. Michael's, to sitting at garage sales together, to having Wonderful visits with her in her home. Vera & I could talk & laugh for hours & we Did just that !! 😊 We both had in common the fact that we grew up on farms in Iowa. She shared stories with me of her growing up in Dunlap. Vera was truly a Joy to be around. Always a Good listener & So Welcoming. I will Truly miss her !!! ❤️ I extend to All of Vera's family my Deepest Sympathy. I'm Praying for Peace, Comfort, & Strength for you All, in the days ahead. You were truly Blessed to have such an Amazing Lady for your Mom. She is now an Angel in Heaven & in All Light, Love, & Peace. God Bless You, Vera !!! 🙏❤️🕊️🌸
With Love,
Sue Brentnall

Sue Brentnall - December 05, 2024 at 05:41 PM

DF

I am a friend of Jan & Karen's. I considered Vera one of my friends too. I'm so glad that Karen & Jan shared their mother with me. Vera was kind, caring, thoughtful, a good listener, & easy to talk to. She was a positive person and a pleasure to spend time with! I can't say enough good things about her. She was a dear & sweet lady! Someone we can all emulate, that's for sure!

Deb Friend

Deb Friend - December 11, 2024 at 09:45 PM

VP

I met your Mom when I worked with her telemarketing. She and I took our breaks away from all the smokers and loud voices. It took only one visit to find our connection. She had such a positive attitude and outgoing personality. I felt fortunate to be able to spend a short time with her. May you find peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Verna Peterson

Verna Peterson - December 11, 2024 at 10:52 PM