

Bertha Steffes, 89

Bertha Steffes, 89, Aberdeen, died Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at the home of her sister, Viola, Grand Forks, ND, with the special care of hospice and family by her side.

Her Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 23, 2009 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Aberdeen, with the Father Edward Pierce officiating. Burial will be at All Saints Catholic Cemetery, Andover, with Schriver's Memorial Mortuary and Crematory, Aberdeen, in charge of arrangements.

Liturgical wake service will be 7 p.m., Friday, May 22, 2009 at the mortuary. Visitation is 6-7 p.m., Friday at the mortuary. Guest book at www.schroversmemorial.com.

Bertha Mary Steffes was born May 22, 1919 to Christian Isadore and Louise Josephine (Fessler) Steffes at Andover, where she was raised and attended rural schools. Bertha worked on the family farm near Andover for many years. She moved to Aberdeen in 1976. Bertha was a member of Sacred Heart Parish for many years and was active with the Sacred Heart Altar Society. She was a woman of deep faith.

Bertha's smile, warm personality, and happy laugh brought joy to all. She will be deeply missed by family and friends, as those who knew her, loved her. She loved her life on the farm, and throughout the years was like a second Mom to many children. She just moved to Grand Forks, ND, in January of 2009, to be closer to her family. A heartfelt thank you is given to Hospice of the Red River Valley; Dr. Samir Abu-Ghazaleh and staff, Sioux Falls, and Drs. Carlson and Mymoe and staff, Aberdeen.

She is survived by two sisters, Viola Steers Rich, Grand Forks, and Kathleen (Kathy) Altobell, Moorhead, Minn., and many nieces and nephews and their families.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five sisters, Sr. M. Ruth Steffes, Frances L. Voss, Florence Steffes, Renetta E. Kersting and Loretta Steffes, and two brothers, one in infancy and Christian A. Steffes.

Memorials may be sent to Hospice of the Red River Valley or charity of choice.

