

*In Loving Memory*



*Ardy Deckert*

NOVEMBER 7, 1925 ~ NOVEMBER 22, 2019

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*Ardis "Ardy" Viola Deckert*



**Born**

November 7, 1925 ~ Parker, South Dakota

**Died**

November 22, 2019 ~ Henning, Minnesota

**Service**

Vining Lutheran Church ~ Vining, Minnesota  
Wednesday, December 4, 2019 ~ 1:00 p.m.

**Clergy**

Pastor Dawna Hochstein

**Music**

Congregational Hymns ~ Accompanied by Mary King

**Pallbearers**

Jeremy Crice ~ Larry Button ~ Dale Sandahl  
Mark Christopherson ~ David Christopherson  
Paul Halvorson

**Survived By**

Sons: Randall (Elizabeth) Deckert; Keith Deckert; daughter:  
Renae Krabbenhoft; grandchildren: Brandon (Melissa) Deckert;  
Regan Deckert; Ryan (Terri) Krabbenhoft; Aaron Krabbenhoft;  
2 great-granddaughters: Ariel (Wes) Cantrell and Paige Krabbenhoft;  
siblings: Ed (Sylvia) Christopherson; Jim (Sandy) Christopherson;  
Elaine Button; Marian Sandahl; Carol (Doug) Crice; sister-in-law:  
Lois Christopherson; brother-in-law: Harold (Dolly) Deckert;  
many nieces and nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

**Laid to Rest**

Vining Lutheran Cemetery ~ Vining, Minnesota



*God looked around His garden, and He found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon His earth, and saw your tired face.  
He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.  
He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered, "Peace Be Thine."  
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.*



### **Order of Service**

Prelude

Welcome

Processional Hymn: #733 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thanksgiving For Baptism

Hymn: #638 Blessed Assurance

Prayer of the Day

Choir Anthem: I'll Fly Away

Obituary

Scripture

Hymn: #785 It Is Well With My Soul

Homily

Hymn: #774 Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

Prayers of intercession

Lord's Prayer sung by Ken Gunderson and Choir

Commendation

Benediction sung by Choir

Recessional Hymn: #697 Just a Closer Walk With Thee

Postlude

Ardis "Ardy" Viola (Christopherson) Deckert was born November 7, 1925 in Turner County, South Dakota to the late Edward and Ragna (Halvorson) Christopherson. Ardy was confirmed at the Vining Lutheran Church. For grades 1-8, Ardy attended Vining Public School, then continued her education at Henning High School graduating with the Class of 1944.

After high school, Ardy lived in Duluth and was employed as a welder for the Walter Butler Shipyard and then moved to New York City where she worked for Micamold Radio Corporation. Living in New York City allowed her to see and do many interesting things including attending Youth for Christ rallies and hearing the popular Christian vocalist, George Beverly Shea. This was a life changing experience.

Ardy was united in marriage on August 31, 1946 to Paul Deckert of Henning. They were married in the Vining Lutheran Church. Following their wedding, Ardy and Paul moved to St. Paul where she was employed at the Emporium Department Store. Eventually they purchased a farm south of Vining and Ardy became involved with the farm work, as well as jobs at local grocery stores, school cook, dental assistant, twenty-two years working with the developmentally challenged, and receptionist/switchboard operator at the Lake Region Hospital in Fergus Falls.

Singing was a family tradition. Ardy and her sisters performed for local radio stations, funerals, weddings, PTA meetings, and other social gatherings. She also sang for the Sons of Norway choir directed by the famous Vining musician, Nels Olson.

Ardy was a lifelong member of Vining Lutheran Church teaching Sunday school and a member of WELCA, Johanna Circle, parish quilters, and the choir. She enjoyed rug-making, embroidery, gardening, reading, walking and spending time with her family.

On November 22, 2019, Ardy entered the joy and peace of heaven at Country Living Adult Foster Care in Henning, Minnesota at 94 years of age. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends. Preceding Ardy in death were her husband, Paul; parents: Edward and Ragna Christopherson; brothers: Duane Christopherson, Ray Christopherson, Lee Christopherson; sister: Dorothy Holte; brothers-in-law: Lloyd Button, Ralph Holte, and Irvin Sandahl; sisters-in-law: Betty Jean Christopherson and Martha Christopherson.

