



## Elizabeth "Dibbs" Henderson

April 14, 1917 - April 2, 2019

Elizabeth was born April 14, 1917 to Hilda and Emil Johnson on a farm northwest of Amenia, North Dakota. Her parents had immigrated to the United States from Sweden shortly before and located on the farm with their children.

It wasn't long after Elizabeth's birth that the family moved within 2 miles of Amenia to a place named "The Corners." It consisted of 6 farms all on the bank of the Rush River with farm land extending in the back of each.

Elizabeth, nicknamed "Dibbs", attended the Amenia School. She enjoyed playing on the girls basketball team for several years. She was the N.D. State free throw shooting champion and won several contests in dramatics. She graduated from Amenia High School as Valedictorian. Later she attended Fargo Business College and worked as a secretary at Carlisle and Bristol Hardware Company, in Fargo, for several years.

Above all, Dibbs loved her family and was very dedicated to them. She was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother and sister. She always had time for a cup of coffee and a good conversation. She had a way to make everyone feel very special. Dibbs and her friends formed a Sewing Club that continued for over 65 years!

Dibbs lived in her North Fargo home until 2011, when she moved to Bethany Retirement on University in Fargo. She passed away April 2, 2019 at Bethany after a short stay at Sanford Hospital. She was forever grateful for the wonderful care she received at Bethany and the many friends she acquired there.

Vern, her beloved husband of 53 years, passed away in 1994. Her parents, four sisters and a brother also preceded her in death. Elizabeth is survived by two daughters, Diane (Dan) Loucks in Owensboro, KY, Marilyn Sather in Albuquerque, NM, one son, Richard (Becky), in Fargo, N.D. and 7 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

A visitation will be held from on Wednesday, April 10th from 1:00PM to 2:00PM at First Presbyterian Church (650 2 Ave, N, Fargo). A funeral service will follow at 2:00PM.

Interment will be with family at Riverside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Salvation Army.

Memories and condolences may be shared by visiting [www.hansonrunsvold.com](http://www.hansonrunsvold.com).

Arrangements by Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home, Fargo.

# Cemetery

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## Riverside Cemetery - Fargo

2102 5th St. S.

FARGO, ND, 58103

# Events

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**APR** **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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First Presbyterian Church

650 2nd Ave. N., Fargo, ND, US, 58102

**APR** **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ I have beautiful memories of Dibbs from our days as Honored Ladies of the Shrine.

Arlene Josal

Arlene Josal - April 11 at 01:28 PM

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“ The Madson family sends all our sympathy to your family. Dibbs was one special lady, Sunday school teacher, pw friend, and she always had a great smile on her face. She lived a great life.

Roger and Kim Madson - April 10 at 03:05 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathies to all who loved her, especially Diane, Marilyn, Dick and families. She was one of my mother's best friends and they shared the west side of 3rd Street for many years, with Donna in the middle. I can remember going to see Dibbs with a sewing project my mom (Joyce Kelsh) had been working on. She'd say, "I need Dibbs' opinion on this, she has such good taste." And, yes, there was always a coffee to go along with the show. Dibbs was always so kind and gentle to all of us neighborhood kids, inviting us into her back porch which I can clearly see to this day. With her Swedish heritage, it's no wonder she had the hand coffee bean grinder on her counter. As a child, I was fascinated by that as Joyce always had Folger's preground. She was a very special lady and our prayers and thoughts go out to all of you. In His Peace and Hope, Jill Kelsh Mattson & Paul Mattson

jill mattson - April 09 at 08:50 PM

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Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home - April 09 at 05:16 PM

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“ We all loved Dibbs! I have so many great memories of her and my mom and their coffee parties! My mom loved going to Dibbs home, she always baked such delicious treats and had a beautiful home! She and my mom, Gladys, and Charlotte are probably drinking coffee now and giggling!

**vickie hoss** - April 06 at 07:52 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear this. She lived a good, long life and was such a great friend to my mother. I hear stories of mom and Dibbs going for their daily walks and as the years passed they walked a little slower and slower, but they still got out and walked. I loved Dibbs and my family was so lucky to be your neighbors.

**barbara hoff** - April 06 at 04:20 PM

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“ Dick n family, my deepest sympathy on the passing of your mother. She was a good Sunday school teacher....I will remember her always.

**Melody** - April 04 at 10:35 PM