



## Verna M. Zemanak (Dirker)

April 30, 1935 - May 1, 2024

Verna M. Zemanek (Dirker)  
Saginaw Twp., MI

Verna passed away on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, while a resident at Traditions (New Hope Valley) in Saginaw Township. She was 89 years old. Verna May (Dirker) Zemanek was born on April 30, 1935, in Saginaw Township, to the late Walter and Helena (Schwan) Dirker. Verna was married to Ralph J. Zemanek on October 15, 1983, in Saginaw, where he predeceased her on January 23, 2004. Prior to her retirement, Verna was employed with the Saginaw Machine & Tool Company for 25 years. She attended Faith Lutheran Church.

Surviving are her niece, Jane Anderson; her nephews, Matthew (Therea) Dirker and Mark (Nancy) Anderson. Verna was also predeceased by her brother and sister and their spouses, Dale (Joyce) Dirker and Phillis (Andrew) Anderson; also her nephew, Paul Dirker.

The Celebration of Verna's Life will be held from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm on Friday, May 10, 2024, at the Wakeman Funeral Home, 1218 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI. Verna will be laid to rest, next to her husband Ralph in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

In accordance with Verna's wishes, cremation has taken place.

Memorial contributions may be given to Humane Society of Saginaw, PO Box 1823, Saginaw, MI 48605.

Those wishing to express their memories and sympathies of Verna may share them on her memorial website at [WakemanFuneralHome.com](http://WakemanFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

3440 S. Washington Road  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 10. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.  
1218 N. Michigan Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48602  
(989) 752-8531  
wakemanfh@charter.net

## Graveside Committal Service

MAY 10. 1:45 PM (ET)

Mt. Olivet Cemetery  
3440 S. Washington Road  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall

PA

“ Verna was one of the sweetest ladies I knew. She had bees and that’s truly how we met. I looked forward to seeing her every year, and few extra times during the summer months.  
Rest sweet Verna... 🙏

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**Patricia** - May 15, 2024 at 08:55 AM

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“ My husband and I used to cut Ralph & Verna’s yard on Garden Lane for years. They were very special people and we looked forward to visiting with them weekly. Verna always had treats to share and I was lucky enough to get her recipe for her soccer squares. Until recently we exchanged Christmas cards and caught up with each other. She will be missed!

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**Kim Bennett** - May 10, 2024 at 02:02 PM

VA

“ Grandma Verna used to bake me homemade cookies, wrap them up, put them in a box, take them to the post office, stand in line, etc. for my birthday every year. Best grandma ever. I’m holding Grandpa Ralph’s funeral flyer in my hands right now and it says “Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest.” (Mathew 11:28) Of all people, I’m absolutely sure that Grandma Verna is in heaven. Wish I could have found her last time I was in the USA...

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**Valdis** - May 10, 2024 at 07:57 AM

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“ *Verna was a lovely lady, inside and out. Her faith shone through her care and concern. May God comfort her family with the assurance that she is with the Lord in the fullness of God's glory.* ”

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**Karen & Michael Hahn** - May 04, 2024 at 02:25 PM