



Verna Elizabeth Overholt

September 8, 1940 - December 25, 2023

Verna Elizabeth Overholt, age 83, of Keysville, Georgia, left this life to be with Jesus at 12:10 p.m. on December 25, 2023, at her home. She was born on September 8, 1940, in Elkhart County, Indiana, to Raymond and Susannah Bontrager. Growing up, Mom enjoyed going to school and working with her parents and brothers on their farm. She gave her life to Jesus Christ as a teenager. During her single years she enjoyed attending Bible School as well as doing several short stints of voluntary service work in southern Indiana and Kentucky.

She married Harold Overholt, son of Henry and Amanda Overholt on August 2, 1964, in Middlebury, Indiana.

In 1973 Mom and Dad moved their family from Indiana to Spencer, Wisconsin, where Mom hosted a great number of family members, friends, and sometimes complete strangers who came to see where we lived way up north on a dairy farm. She was a faithful, capable mother who worked hard to make a home for her family. Every once in a while we caught a glimpse of a more playful side of Mom that sometimes surprised and humored us!

From a young age, Mom was interested in the medical world, and once her children were older, she got involved in pursuits such as home health care, being an assistant to a midwife, and foster parenting multiple children, including some with medical needs. A favorite pastime was reading, and she collected thousands of books over her lifetime. Mom also spent countless hours of her life sewing clothes, comforters, and quilts for her family as well as

for missions. She was an excellent cook and could whip up a meal in a hurry! In 1991, Mom and Dad and youngest daughter Jenn moved from Wisconsin to Due West, South Carolina, where Mom continued hosting many visitors in their spacious home there, as well as continuing in home health care and working as an OB Tech at the Abbeville County Memorial Hospital. She enjoyed serving in various capacities and interacting with her friends at the Whispering Pines Mennonite Church.

In January of 2018 Mom and Dad moved to Georgia to be nearer to Jenn's family. Mom was always a hard worker, and she showed her love for others by many acts of service until her failing health prohibited her. In her last few years she was a member of the Hephzibah Mennonite Church.

Verna was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. Survivors include her four children: Twila (John) Kulp of Mosinee, Wisconsin, Carlin Overholt of Stratford, Wisconsin, Marlita Overholt (Craig Haas) of Pittsville, Wisconsin, and Janasue "Jenn" (Royal) Barnhart of Keysville, Georgia; ten grandchildren: Darren (Brooke) Kulp, John Weston (Rebecca) Kulp, Natasha (Justus) Barnhart, Adrian Kulp, Shaylee Overholt, Giles, Mikayla, Gianna, Addison and Karis Barnhart; and four great-grandchildren: Graham and Eleanora Kulp, Lydia Kulp, and Harper Lee Blume, as well as a great-grandson who is due to be born in the spring; three brothers: Lester (LaVeda) Bontrager, Floyd (Nancy) Bontrager, and Kenneth (Mildred) Bontrager, all from northern Indiana; as well as five nieces and four nephews, and many cousins and friends.

We as a family are grateful to the many people who showed their love for Mom in her declining years by their prayers, visits, phone calls, letters, and gifts. We are especially thankful for the care that her three live-in caregivers gave her since 2021.

Visitation hours will be from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 28, 2023, at Hephzibah Mennonite Church, located at 4248 Rheney Rd.

Hephzibah, GA 30815. Funeral services will be held at the same location on Friday, December 29 at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in the church cemetery

immediately following the service.

Chance and Hydrick Funeral Directors, 2502 Richmond Hill Rd., Augusta, GA
30906

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **28.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hephzibah Mennonite Church
4248 Rheney Rd
Hephzibah, GA 30815-4730
(706) 592-0323

Funeral Service

DEC **29.** 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ J & B family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Verna Elizabeth Overholt.

J & B family - December 28, 2023 at 04:42 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Verna Elizabeth Overholt.



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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Verna Elizabeth Overholt.



December 27, 2023 at 04:52 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Verna Elizabeth Overholt.



December 27, 2023 at 04:25 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Verna Elizabeth Overholt.* ”



December 27, 2023 at 02:03 PM