

Pastor Leroy’s Column

by Pastor Leroy Aufenkamp



Halloween celebrates a dark side of life with witches, goblins, graves and cemeteries, etc. They are meant to frighten people. Christmas, on the other hand, celebrates the birth of the One who came to remove fear from a person’s heart and life.

Il Timothy 1:7 says, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” In Hebrews 2:14-15 we read that Jesus came, “that through [His] death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to

bondage”.

The devil loves the emphasis of the one with its emphasis on fear and death, while Jesus came to destroy these things. Contrast those symbols with that which is Christmas, a Baby in a manger and heavenly angels declaring life, peace, and salvation from sin. “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men” the angels declared, and “thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins” (Luke 2:14; Matthew 1:21).

Jesus is the Light of the world. His Light leads people from death to life, from fear to faith, from hopelessness to an eternal hope, and from hate to love.

Why do men get angry at the celebration of Jesus’ birth and seek to have it removed from public view, but are not troubled by the other celebration? John 3:19-21 gives clarity to that question – “the light [Jesus] has come into the world, but men preferred darkness to light because their deeds were evil” (TNEB).

As you celebrate Christmas this year invite Him to live in your heart, begin to read your Bible, pray, and follow Him every day.



Veronica (Vron) Rose Wilson (Gerou)

Veronica (Vron) Rose Wilson (Gerou), 88, passed away on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at Gracewood Senior Living in Lino Lakes, Minnesota near her family. Vron was born on May 12, 1934 to Philip and Lucille (Mindak) Gerou in Drayton, North Dakota. She was the fourth born of eight children.

She graduated from Drayton High

School. Following graduation, she worked in Drayton at Carvel Drug Store as well as the Drayton State Bank.

Vron was united in marriage to Albert Wilson on March 2, 1957 at St.

Stephen’s Catholic Church in Minneapolis. She worked for Prudential Insurance while they lived in Minneapolis. They returned to North Dakota and the couple farmed near Drayton for many years. Vron was initially a reluctant farmer, having grown up in the “city.” But she quickly took on the role of helping to run the farm. She also worked for American Crystal Sugar Company in Drayton.

Vron was actively involved in St. Edward’s Catholic Church in Drayton where she served on the Altar Society and was a catechism teacher in the faith formation program. She was also very involved in the Farmer’s Union where she was a teacher in the youth education program and she served as a summer camp counselor at Heart Butte Camp.

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Saturday Vigil, 5 p.m.
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

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Drayton Lutheran Church

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only the first fish, but often the biggest. This was both puzzling and annoying for her fishing partners.

They often traveled with friends or family, and this included places across the U.S. including Alaska and Hawaii, as well as outside the U.S. to the Canadian Rockies, Mexico, Panama, Italy, Australia and New Zealand.

Vron loved shopping for the adventure and chase of finding a good deal.

It was a challenge to pass any sale sign without stopping. Shopping was truly another “sport” she enjoyed.

She was a proud grandmother who loved spending time with her granddaughters Meghan and Lindsay, whether it was going out for coffee or a bite to eat, shopping or watching them play soccer.

Vron is survived by her son Boyd and daughter-in-law Jill (Keller) Wilson, Lino Lakes, MN; granddaughters Meghan and Lindsay Wilson; sisters Mary Lou Brosseau, Thief River Falls, MN and Cathy Gaynor, Black River Falls.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Al Wilson, infant daughter Leslie Claire Wilson, parents Philip and Lucille Gerou; in-laws Albert and Alma Wilson; brothers Eugene, Aelred, Cyril and Michael and sister Sister Edwardine (Eulalie) Gerou. Funeral services are scheduled for Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in St. Edwards Catholic Church in Drayton with visitation one hour prior. Austin Funeral Chapel, Drayton.

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