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They retired to Bella Vista, Arks in 1986, where Verda continued with her interest in music, traveling and reading. She was active in the Bella Vista Presbyterian Church, volunteered at the Helping Hands Consignment Store and worked with children at the Headstart Preschool.

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Always a very loving and giving person, Verda continues to give in death, as she has deeded her body to the University of Iowa, College of Medicine to aid in medical teaching and research. A private family memorial service will be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1730 28th St. West Des Moines, IA 50266; www.alz.org. Condolences may be expressed at www.HamiltonsFuneralHome.com.

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