



Hazel Daniels

May 5, 1918 - January 14, 2008

Funeral services for Hazel Daniels were held at 1:30 PM on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at the Faith United Church of Christ in Bertha with Reverend Orville Sauter presiding. Hazel Daniels, age 89 of Bertha, passed away on Monday, January 14, 2008 at the Tri-County Hospital in Wadena. Hazel Marie Daniels was born on May 5, 1918 at Clarissa, MN to William and Mary (Engel) Braun. Her family moved to a farm west of Clarissa where they lived when she began school. In 1925, they moved again to a farm southeast of Bertha where she attended the Kotz country school, graduating in 1929. She attended Bertha high school, graduating in 1934. Then after staying home for a year, she attended teacher's training in Wadena and taught in rural schools. On August 28, 1940, she was united in marriage with Vernon Lewis Daniels. Together they moved to Seattle, WA. During that time, she worked in the office at Rhodes Dept. Store and daughter Judy was born. They returned to Minnesota in 1945. Daughter Linda was born in Bertha and Hazel was a stay-at-home mom until she began working at Gorghuber's Bakery. In 1959, she began managing the Family Store until her retirement. After retirement, Hazel volunteered at the Bertha-Hewitt school and was selected as Lay Person of the Year. She was very active at church. She was confirmed on November 29, 1931 and continued to participate in her church bible study group. She was interested in sewing, quilting, dancing, and helping Vern in the shop but especially enjoyed reading, watching birds, growing flowers in her backyard and being with her friends and neighbors. She and Vern took many trips until

their health failed so these last years she spent traveling by reading. Vern passed away on February 9, 2005 after more than 64 years together. Hazel was preceded in death by her husband Vernon; parents William and Mary Braun; brother Calvin Braun; and son-in-law Richard Decker. She is survived by her daughters Judith Decker and Linda (Ron) Ward, both of Bertha; 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren; and a niece and nephew. Take thou my hand and lead me until the end, In life and death I need thee, oh precious friend. I cannot live without thee for one brief day, Lord, be thou ever near me and lead the way. Honorary pallbearers were Hazel's grandchildren, great-grandchildren, the members of her bible study group and all her friends. Pallbearers were Dick Anderson, Jerry Dahms, Brad Braaten, Ray South, Galen Schultz and Jon Hedlund. Interment was in the Peace Evangelical Cemetery, located in Bertha Township.

Tribute Wall

JK

“ prayers go to all the family members during this time to grieve and reflect. hazel was the first person my mother met when we moved to berth, and mom never (even now) forgot that. after the death of my grandparents, vern and hazel became defacto 'step' grandparents, and I was blessed by Providence to have spent time with them both while growing up. the trips to the lake, etc, are wonderful memories. Hazel was among the finest people one could hope to know.

james kleen - January 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Dear Judy and Linda and families,

I am so glad our paths in life crossed and that I called Hazel "my friend". We had the most wonderful visit last Memorial Day weekend when I stopped in Bertha to be with Larry Wegner's family. It was fun to talk about the old days and her [and mine] memories of our days in Bertha and my children spending time with her and Linda. Those were good times and great memories.

May you find peace knowing she is now also at peace. Life changes and it is because we know and love good people that we can go on.

With Love, LaVonne

LaVonne Drayna - January 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ My memories of Hazel go back as far as I can remember getting together for family events with the family. She always had a genuine smile and a real care and concern. She never failed to go out of her way to see how I was doing when I was home for a visit.

Her pickle recipe is legend around here!

My love and prayers are with you in spirit as I can not be there in person.

I love you all. May God comfort you at this difficult time.

Jill

Jill Riesgraf - January 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Our sincere sympathy in the loss of such a wonderful person. So many great experiences with vacations at the lake and get togethers at their home. Those memories will never be forgotten along with those great molasses cookies. Memories are wonderful and are the only things we really can hold on to. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

*Love,
Pat and Jon Linnell*

Pat & Jon Linnell - January 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Dear family,

Don't know if you received our first message as our internet went down about the same time as we sent it.

Sorry about the loss of Hazel.

She was a very special person. We were down in Alabama and just found out on the way home about the funeral of Hazel. Sorry we couldn't be there.

We are returning from Alabama as Dewey's mother passed away on January 21st. Now Hazel and Midge are in heaven together.

Dewey said that he has a lot of good memories of Vern and Hazel and how much fun they were. She certainly will be missed.

We sure do know your loss. Our prayer and love to you all.

Hold on to the good memories.

Love, Dewey and Sharon

Dewey - January 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM