



Nettie Gjerstad

January 8, 1913 - December 7, 2003

Nettie Gjerstad was born on January 8, 1913 at home in Germana Township, Todd County, to Charles and Katherine (Schaffer) Hayes. Nettie was united in marriage with Gilbert Gjerstad on September 4, 1938 in Clarissa. In the early years of their marriage, she taught school but later chose to stay home and take care of the children and help on the farm. After the children were grown, Nettie ran the drive-in in Clarissa. She was a member of the Clarissa Homemakers and Our Saviours Lutheran Church in Clarissa. A lifelong member of the Clarissa community, Nettie was an excellent cook and baker. She enjoyed needlepoint, knitting, quilting and other handiwork, and donated many items to senior center and church activities. Nettie passed away on Sunday, December 7, 2003 at the Central Todd County Care Center in Clarissa at the age of 90 years. Nettie was preceded in death by her husband Gilbert in 1985; her parents Charles and Katherine Hayes; an infant son in 1948; brothers Homer, Justin and Chester; and sisters Marie, Mabel and Helen. She is survived by her daughter Judy and her husband LaVerne (Max) Maxwell of Frazee and son David of Clarissa; grandchildren Jay Maxwell and Anita Price and 4 great grandchildren; and sister Coras Smith of Alexandria. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 10, 2003 at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Clarissa with Reverend David Peterson officiating. Pallbearers were Edgar Smith, Oliver Titrud, Spencer Hayes, Gary Hayes, John Bergs and Jerry Burns. Interment was in the Woodman Cemetery in Clarissa.