NYGAARD, Laura H.C. (Hansen)

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LAURA NYGAARD



Laura Nygaard, 97, died July 23, 2012 at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Viborg.

Laura H. C. Nygaard was born June 13, 1915 to Hans P. and Mathilda (Peterson) Hansen on a farm near Turkey Ridge, SD. She was baptized on April 23, 1916 in the Pravin Andersen Schoolhouse near Centerpoint and was confirmed December 21, 1930 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Viborg. She attended school out by Spring Valley in District #10.

Laura was united in marriage to Chris P. Nygaard on April 6, 1934, in Parker, SD. They made their home the first 11 years in Sioux Falls and then moved to a farm by Hurley and resided there until 1976 before moving into Viborg. On February 1, 1995, Chris passed away and that August Laura moved into the Danish Villa Apartments where she was happy and content, especially hosting coffee parties whenever possible. In June of 2005 Laura moved to the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Viborg where she resided till her death on July 23, 2012. Laura's favorite line spoken there in her room everyday many times was "I couldn't have a better place".

Laura truly loved her nurses and aides and was always appreciative of their help.

The real joys of Laura's life were spending time with her family and friends, cooking, baking and in earlier years gardening. Laura was a lifelong member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Viborg.

Laura was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Chris; 3 sisters Helga Hansen, Anna Swensen, and Mathilda (Tillie) Andersen; 2 brothers Jens (Jim) Hansen and Victor Hansen; 1 step-grandson Brian Gross; and 1 great-granddaughter Sierra Jo Christensen.

Grateful for having shared her life are 3 sons Dennis (Alberta) of Missoula, MT, Duane (Rosa) of Missoula, MT and Dale (Marilyn Murray) of Sioux Falls; 1 daughter Darlene (David) Williamson of Viborg; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers Laurence M. Hansen and Carl W. Hansen both of Viborg; and many special nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were held Friday, July 27, 2012 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Viborg with Pastor Steve Unzicker Officiating. Internment: Rosehill Cemetery, Viborg. Arrangements: Fraternal Burial Assoc., Viborg.