BJERKAAS, Vera M. (Petersen)

May 14, 1914
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November 12, 1982
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FUNERAL SERVICES HELD NOV. 15th FOR MRS. ARNOLD BJERKAAS

Mrs. Arnold (Vera) Bjerkaas, Irene, passed away Friday evening, November 12, 1982 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton at the age of 68 years.

Funeral services were held Monday, November 15th at 2:00 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, Irene, with burial at the Meldal cemetery. Pastor Norman Wittschen officiated. Mrs. Dan Apland, soloist, sang, "Rock of Ages" and "How Great Thou Art". Mrs. Charles Woodward was the organist. Mrs. Ralph Johansen and Mrs. Olin Eide were at the Register Book. Sylvia Hinseth and Anchor Jensen served as ushers. Pallbearers were Steve Anderson, Douglas Van Hull, Ralph Johansen, Darell Eide, Marvin Eli and Gary Eli.

OBITUARY

Vera M. Petersen was born near Irene, S.D. to P.C. and Anna Petersen, on May 14, 1914. She was baptized and confirmed at the Meldal Lutheran Church.

On November 16th, 1934 she was united in marriage to Arnold Bjerkaas and lived her entire life in the Irene community. To this union two sons were born, Robert of Irene and Roger of Viborg. She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church. Because of failing health, she and her husband moved to Sunset Manor in Irene in November, 1979.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother and two grandchildren.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband; two sons, Robert of Irene and Roger of Viborg; two daughters-in-law, Belva Bjerkaas of Viborg and Eleanor Bjerkaas of Irene; three sisters, Mrs. Guy (Joyce) Eli of Yankton; Mrs. Marvin (Beatrice) Fjordback of Irene; and Mrs. Arnie (Helen) Sorensen, Valdez, Alaska; two brothers, Howard Petersen, Irene and Reuben Petersen, Yankton; one aunt, Mrs. Walter (Agnes) Westergaard of Viborg; four grandchildren, Mrs. Scott (Ruby) Schmidt, Yankton; Michael Bjerkaas, Irene; Kristi and Brian Bjerkaas of Viborg; one great-granddaughter, Sarah Marie Schmidt, Yankton; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Blessed be her memory.

THANK YOU – EVERYONE

We wish to thank all of our friends, neighbors and relatives who helped us through the recent loss of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Vera Bjerkaas. To all the doctors and nurses in both Viborg and Yankton hospitals, to Pastor Norm Wittschen who braved the icy roads to be by our side when we needed him.

Thanks for the cards, visits, flowers and food brought to our homes.

Thanks also to Pastor Weisser, Bob Sanborn, Tooty Rudd and Sally Aklund for the very, very lovely and musical memorial service held at the Sunset Manor Nursing Home.

Arnold Bjerkaas
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bjerkaas
& Mike
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Bjerkaas
Brian & Kristi
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Schmidt
& Sarah

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