BAK, Elaine (Vugteveen)

February 20, 1925
Rock Valley, Iowa
August 9, 1999
Sioux Falls



Elaine Bak

Elaine Bak was born February 20, 1925 at Rock Valley, IA. Her parents were Gerrit and Freda (Johnson) Vugteveen.

She graduated from Rock Valley High School in 1942. she married Raymond A. Bak on June 18, 1944 at Beresford. After managing the Red Owl Store in Canton, they farmed west of Viborg. The moved into Viborg in 1955 where Elaine worked in the office of the Viborg Coop Creamery for many years. later she worked at Dakota Industries sewing factory in Hurley. Ray passed away on April 1, 1987. Elaine moved to Sioux Falls in 1997 and recently moved to the Good Samaritan Village in Sioux Falls. She was active in community affairs and enjoyed serving in many capacities at her church. Grandma Bak felt especially blessed when she became a great- grandma on June 29 of this year.

Elaine passed away on August 9, 1999 at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls. She had attained the age of 74.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, 1 brother Rodney, and 1 sister Delores Albers.

Elaine is survived by 1 son Gary & wife Vikkie, and children Sallie, Cynthia, Steve, and Ryan all of Viborg; 1 daughter Rosalyn & husband Terry Faulkner of Akron, IA, her children Angela Salberg of Sioux Falls, Michelle Salberg of Akron, IA, and Theresa & husband Tony Nemesio of Akron, IA; 1 great-grandson Anthony Joseph Nemesio II; 1 sister Donna Kelley of Port Clinton, OH; step-mother Joy Vugteveen of Rochester, MN; 2 half-sisters Mary Halverson of Rochester, MN and Carol Schrage of Iowa City, IA; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were Thursday, August 12, 1999 at Bethany Lutheran Church, Viborg, SD with Pastor Mindy Ehrke officiating and Mark Weier as Lay Reader. Ada Oakland was organist and Brad Bak, Randy Bak, Craig Bak, and Brian Bak provided special music.

Pallbearers were Brad Bak, Randy Bak, Craig Bak, Brian Bak, Randy Albers, Bryan Albers, Kelvin Albers, and Mike Thyberg.