

KNUDSEN, Arlette (Runestad)

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Mt. Vernon SD
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Viborg

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Arlette Knudsen



Arlette Knudsen was born April 17, 1923 at Mt. Vernon. Her parents were Joseph and Julia (Deden) Runestad.

She attended grade school near Highmore and then graduated from Augustana Academy in Canton where she met Fred Knudsen. They were married December 25, 1941 at Spring Valley Lutheran Church. Following Fred's being drafted in June 1942, Arlette worked for a uniform manufacturing plant in New Jersey as part of the war effort. She then worked for Stokley Food in Oakland, Ca. and then for Hans Jorgensen Photography in Viborg. After Fred's discharge they farmed in Spring Valley Township until moving into Viborg in 1957. Later she worked at Pioneer Memorial Hospital as a nurse's aide. Arlette enjoyed painting, rosemaking, doing scrapbooks, family photo albums, genealogy, and taking care of her home and family.

Arlette passed away at Pioneer Memorial Hospital on January 13, 2003 at the age of 79.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, and three sisters.

Arlette is survived by her husband Fred of Viborg; six children Mary Ann and husband Tom Thomas of West Point, Ne., Linda and husband Dwight Knuteson of Brookings, Stanley of Redfield, Rebecca and husband Halvor Udem of Richland, Wa., Ramona and husband Brian Jorgensen of Brookings, and Donald and wife Lisa of Rapid City; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two sisters Elva Nielsen of Cedar Falls, Ia. and Naomi Rod of Scottsdale, Az.; special niece Joanne Powell of Viborg, and many other relatives and friends.

Services were held Saturday, January 18, 2003 at Bethany Lutheran Church, Viborg, with Pastor Mindy Ehrke officiating. Karen Freier was the organist and Alan, Gary and Ethel Ward provided special music.

Honorary Pallbearers were Bud Knudsen, Sid Knutson, Harlan Danielsen, Merlin Runestad, Cornell Runestad, and Arlette's 13 grandchildren. Pallbearers were Joshua Knudsen, David Hatle, Stan Powell, Larry Donovan, Herb Knudsen, Keith Lewis, David Johnson, and Curt Nielsen. Interment was at Bethania Cemetery, Viborg.
