GERKIN, Phyllis (Peterson)

February 5, 1926
Viborg
March 23, 2002
Rapid City, South Dakota

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Phyllis Gerkin

Phyllis Gerkin passed away at her home in Rapid City, March 23, 2002, after a long lingering illness.

She was born February 5, 1926, at Viborg, South Dakota. Her parents were Peter and Lilly Peterson. She was baptized and confirmed at the Viborg Methodist Church and graduated from Viborg High School. During the war, she and her family went to Seattle, Washington to work at the Boeing Aircraft Factory.

She married Jack Gerkin on March 20, 1947, and they were married 55 years. They lived in Sioux Falls and later moved to Rapid City. Phyllis worked at Reptile Gardens for 26 years, greeting everyone who came.

Phyllis and Jack had 3 sons and 3 daughters: John of Rapid City, Gayla, Jacklin, Daniel, Jana, and Michael all of California. She was a loving mother and grandmother and has a zest for life, living it to the fullest.

Preceding her in death were her parents; sister, Myrtle Olsen; brother, Jorgen Peterson; baby sister, Bernadine; and sister in-law, Marjorie Peterson. She leaves to mourn, her beloved family, her husband Jack; 9 grandchildren; 2 brothers, Wesley and Duane Peterson of Viborg; 4 sisters, Bertha and Elma of California, Naomi Flyger of Hurley and Evelyn Van Gorken of Rapid City. Also many relatives and friends.

Services were held at the Oshiem-Catron Funeral Home in Rapid City, March 25. Blessed be her memory.

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