



Clara Pedersen

February 25, 1918 - July 14, 2011

Clara Martha Rood was born in Hubbard County, MN, the daughter of Dan O. and Anna (Gunderson) Rood, on February 25, 1918. She was baptized in the Lutheran Faith. The family moved to Chasley, ND, and then to south of Valley City, ND. Clara received her early schooling at King School and Ellis school, both south of Valley City. In 1936, she graduated from Valley City High School. After high school, she went on to study at the Chicago Hair Dressing Academy in Fargo, ND. She worked at the Bluebird Beauty Shop until her marriage.

In 1942, she married Russell Pederson. They farmed 4 miles south of Valley City on the Pederson family farm. Two children were born of this marriage, Larry (Patty) Pederson, living on the family farm near Valley City, and Susan (Paul) Phillips of Houston, TX.

Clara was a long time member of Faith (First) Lutheran Church, having attended Sunday School and Confirmation there. She taught Sunday School for many years, served on the church board, and was active in Ladies Aid and Circle. She was a 4-H Leader for nearly 20, and a member for the Marsh Club. Clara worked at the Fair Store in Valley City for 10 years, and hosted a tour to the Holy Lands and Rome. Her husband, Russell, passed away in 1977.

In 1983, Clara married Axel Pedersen of Grandin, ND. They lived on Axel's farm in Grandin until moving to Valley City. Axel died on July 12, 2009.

Clara died July 14, 2011 at the Sheyenne Care Center in Valley City. She

leaves her daughter, Susan (Paul) Phillips of Houston, TX and son Larry (Patty) Pederson of Valley City. She is also survived by Axel's children, Dan (Marlee) Pedersen of Lyons, CO, Gary (Jan) Pedersen of Harwood, ND, Wayne (Diane) Pedersen of Urbana, IL, and Eunice (Dan) Johnston of Fargo, ND. Grandchildren, Shauna (Chad Dubuque) Pederson of Fargo, Tyler (Jamie) Pederson of Valley City, Carl (Amber) Pederson of Valley City, Erin (Kevin) Pesak of Missoula, MT, Trevor Wright (Sophie Harris) of Houston, TX, Shawn Pedersen, Nick (Kelly) Pedersen, Jody Pedersen, Bob Pedersen, Laura Pedersen; great grandchildren, Jayden and Nora Pederson, Eleanor Pederson, Hunter Scheidt, and Cierra and Ryland Pesak; a sister, Olive Olstad of Valley City; a sister-in-law, Mertice Rood of Valley City; a brother-in-law, Menzo Regnerus of Valley City; and numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Russell Pederson and Axel Pedersen; sister, Ilene Bonde; brothers, Harold and Dan "Bud" Rood; a sister, Dorothy Byberg Regnerus; and infant twin sisters.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND

Service

JUL 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church
309 4th St NE
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall



“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to all of you
Your mother was so very special to me and I am so happy that I was able to see her in May when I was home to see my mom. The visit was so special and Bert said such a special prayer for her. Then I had to go back our last day for one more hug from her. She was my favorite aunt. Be sure to give Trevor a hug from me too##imported-begin##Carol and Bert Gee##imported-end##

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“ All of my happiest memories as a kid involve my Grammie. Spending summers at the farm in Grandin, I remember everytime they would pick Trevor and I up from the airport our first stop was the grocery store to get some mello yellow, cereal and Dorothy Lynch (which is still my son, Hunter's favorite dressing). When they moved to Valley I remember how nice it was to be able to walk to the park. Having "coffee" with Bud & Mert, eating as many meals as possible at Another Time. Shooting off fireworks at Uncle Larrys farm. Tea parties with Auntie Olive. Visiting King School. Grandpa's apples and salads from the garden.

My love of cooking started with Grammie. A few months ago she sent me a picture she took of me as a little girl helping her make dough of some sort. It sits in my kitchen now and makes me laugh everytime I see it. I asked Grammie more times than I can count to teach me how to make her carmel rolls...the recipe she gave me includes lots of "pinches" and "you'll know when it's enough"...which I have never seemed to master! And that's ok, those rolls would have never tasted the same without her hands making them.

When we lived in Arizona I remember Grammie making me lemon meringue pies with fresh lemons from the neighbors trees...I have had hundreds of pies since then, and none will ever taste the same.

I just can't wrap my mind around the fact that she's gone, my heart aches...but i know it's just selfishness that I want her on this earth. She's happy now, and she's with her family. The morning after she passed my six year old, Cierra, woke up and told me that she said a prayer last night, and her Great Grandma heard her.

My kids have another angel watching over them now##imported-begin##Erin Pesak##imported-end##

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