



Clara Rockswold

April 8, 1911 - September 18, 2014

Clara Elton Rockswold, 103 years old, longtime resident of Litchville, ND, died September 18, 2014 at the Sheyenne Care Center in Valley City, ND where she had lived since 1994.

She was a member of the First Lutheran Church in Litchville. Clara enjoyed crafts, decorating cakes, and making outfits for dolls. She was known for the Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus dolls.

Clara is survived by her daughter, Donna (William) Vogel of Salt Lake City, Utah; daughter-in-law, Tina Rockswold of Sparks, Nevada; 6 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and sisters, Gay Lindquist of Twin Falls, Idaho and Edith (Tudie) Birch of Las Vegas, Nevada.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert; sons, Elton and Vernon; 5 brothers; and 3 sisters.

As per Clara's wishes, cremation has taken place and graveside services will be held at a later date in the Bethlehem Cemetery, Litchville.

Clara's family suggests in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the First Lutheran Church in Litchville.

The family extends a sincere thank you to the Sheyenne Care Center staff for the kind and loving care given to Clara. You are appreciated by her family.

Services for Clara have been entrusted to Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel of Valley City. An online guestbook is available at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Cemetery

Litchville, ND

Tribute Wall

Jl

“ Sweet Clara.

Jodi Rae Ingstad - November 03, 2014 at 01:55 PM

Jl

“ I got the newspaper late out her on my farm. I just learned of sweat Clara's departure from here..and arrival to there. I used to help in the Activities Dept.at the Sheyenne Care Center. Clara taught me so so many things. I even ended up writing about her in my newspaper column without writing here name. I had sat at a dining room table with Clara and a few other residents. It was coffee time. We started talking about the upcoming weather. After discussing a drought and our need for rain I made the comment, "Well, we'll just have to cross our fingers." Very sagely Clara said while giving me this very insightful look, "Jodi? What will we do when we can't cross our fingers anymore?" I'll never forget what that taught me. One time while waiting for a church service to begin she got to giggling as she told about her father singing while milking the cows. Clara sewed me not 1 but 2 sock monkeys -one male, one female. She even put a dress on the girl! One time she made me a dog made out of golf balls. I especially loved when she'd have a Birthday and cross out her last age with a Sharpie marker and write in her new age so proudly. She walked those halls so full of pep and grace. She had a special place in her heart for her eye Dr. He was very kind to her. He remains that way. We will all remain kind just holding on to our memories of Clara. Thank you for sharing her - with us!

Jodi Rae Ingstad - November 03, 2014 at 01:53 PM

LH

“ My sisters and I loved visiting Clara in Litchville, North Dakota when we were children. She was a good friend of our grandmother-- Gertrude Sortland. We would walk the "whole" block to Clara's house to visit her and her darling dogs--Iris and Violet during the 1960s when we would be with our grandparents for a summer visit. When we were young adults, our mother (Marcia Sortland Strom) bought Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus dolls for us made by Clara. I still love putting out those dolls at Christmas time and thinking about the good times in Litchville, North Dakota. I am so amazed that she lived to be 103! Your family is so blessed to have such a lovely lady in your lives.

God's peace to you all! Leanne Strom Homa, Burnsville, Minnesota (formerly of Moorhead, MN)

Leanne Strom Homa - November 02, 2014 at 05:59 PM

SA

“ We will miss Aunt Clara so much. She spent many holidays with my family and was always full of stories and had a great sense of humor. Thank you Loretta for all your love, hand holding, visits and all your constant care and love you gave Clara for years.RIP dear Clara. Love you always,Suzy Holden Amundson.

Susan Holden Amundson - September 30, 2014 at 10:00 PM

JB

“ I have so many dear memories of Clara beginning in 1965, the year I started teaching fourth graders in Litchville. Albert and Clara were Thanksgiving dinner guests in our home the first year Dick and I were married and we spent many winter evenings with them as well. Our son was like another grandson to them. Clara and I enjoyed a special friendship these many years and she will always hold a special place in my heart. Jean Burgett

Jean Burgett - September 26, 2014 at 10:31 PM

SH

“ Clara made my wedding cake 46 years ago this past July. The day was hot and humid, close to 100 degrees, with a tornado watch most of the day. She spent a lot of time in the church basement because she was worried about the frosting. She also made the cakes for Mom and Dad's 25th wedding anniversary which was also held at First Lutheran Church in Litchville. The past few weeks Clara and Mom were roommates at Sheyenne Care Center. She was a dear lady.

Sheryl Hermanson Hanson

Sheryl Hanson - September 24, 2014 at 04:18 PM