



Katie Bruns

July 18, 1909 - May 14, 2011

Katie Gertrude Noeske was born July 18, 1909 in Belgard, Germany, the daughter of Fred and Eliese (Jahnke) Noeske. She was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran Faith in Germany. Katie attended school until the 8th grade while living in Germany. As was tradition, she had to pick a trade while still in school, her choice was to become a seamstress.

In 1925, she and her parents immigrated to the United States. They settled in Noltimier Township, in rural Barnes County, ND. She attended Noltimier School, and learned the English language. In May 1931, she graduated as Valedictorian and went on to Valley City Teacher's College to further her education.

On September 27, 1934, she was united in marriage to Henry T. Bruns at the Bruns Farm. They made their home in Alta Township and farmed there until 1942 when they moved to Noltimier Township. This was where she raised her family. Henry died on November 10, 1981. Katie continued to live on the farm until 1984, when she moved to Valley City, ND.

Katie's faith was always an important part of her life. After moving to the United States, she became a member of Salem United Methodist Church. When Salem closed, she transferred her membership to Epworth United Methodist Church. As a resident of the Sheyenne Care Center, she always enjoyed Chapel and Bible study.

She was always a gracious hostess. Following the trade she chose as a young girl, she made clothes for her children and herself. In addition to

sewing, she did many kinds of handwork including knitting, hardanger, cross stitch, crocheting and quilting.

Katie died on May 14, 2011 at the Sheyenne Care Center in Valley City. She is survived by her son, Henry F. (Sandra) Bruns of Valley City; daughters, Kathleen (Dick) Winter of Valley City and Shirley (Ted) Mahaffey of Marion, NC and Valley City; 7 grandchildren, Steve (Robin) Winter, Dianne (Brad) Graff, Todd Mahaffey, Wade (Kimberly) Bruns, Debra (Mike) Kimbell, Mark (Andrea) Winter, and Dain (NataSha) Bruns; 11 great grandchildren, Kylie and Colton Winter, Leah (Josh) Hoffman, Logan Becker, Michael (Jerri) and Nicholas Bruns, Anna and Jesse Kimbell, Brenna, Ellie, and Trevor Winter, and Dalen and Owen Bruns.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and a brother, Paul Noeske.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

MAY 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

Epworth United Methodist Church
680 8th Ave. SW
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall



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August 27, 2011 at 02:33 PM



“ Katie was a beautiful and special lady. I always enjoyed assisting her in the evening and listening to her reminisce about her childhood and her family. I will truly miss her beautiful smile and her advice. God bless, Nikki Kvalnes##imported-begin##Nikki Kvalnes##imported-end##

May 19, 2011 at 09:19 PM



“ Please accept my sympathy at the death of your lovely Mother. I remember how kind and gracious she was when we used to have sleepovers as kids. I also can visualize her cheering at basketball games. She was a great example of what a mother should be. You are blessed to have had her so long. My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Evelyn Larson Israel##imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 07:14 PM



“ *Family of Katie Bruns*

*Thinking of you
My Sincere Sympathy
May you have many Pleasant Memories*

Lester Speicher##imported-begin##Lester Speicher##imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 05:48 PM



“ *Dear family, my heart is there with you at this time of sadness of the passing of your precious Mother, Grandmother and friend. She will be missed by many as she was so easy to love for many reasons.*

*Sending prayers and love,
Marlys##imported-begin##Marlys Bruns Arnold##imported-end##*

May 16, 2011 at 07:57 PM