



Rena Van Bruggen

September 14, 1920 - June 19, 2010

Rena Van Bruggen, 89, Valley City, formerly of Litchville, ND died on Saturday, June 19 at the Sheyenne Care Center, Valley City.

Rena Rienstra was born on September 14, 1920 to Jacob and Jacoba (Wolvendyk) Rienstra in Pollock, SD. The family lived in the Westfield, ND area where she attended school until moving to the Litchville, ND area.

Rena married Gerrit Van Bruggen on March 20, 1946 in Litchville, ND. They made their home on a farm north of Litchville, ND. Gerrit died in 1971. Rena moved into Litchville, ND, in 1972, and in 1993, moved to Valley City. Rena became a resident of the Sheyenne Center in May of 2000.

Rena was a member of First Reformed Church and a member of RCW. She was also the janitor of the church for 20 years. Rena enjoyed bowling league for many years. She especially loved the company of her grandchildren.

Rena is survived by her 7 children, Hattie (Gerald) Melvin, Buffalo, ND; Gerrit D. (Vera) of Topeka, KS; Dorothy (Fred) Schroeder, Valley City, ND; Evelyn (Philip) Somsen, Fort Dodge, IA; Patricia (Alvin) Feikema, Brandon, SD; Ronald (Gayann), Litchville, ND; and Vera Van Bruggen (Curt Ulferts), Andrews, TX; 19 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; brothers, Samuel Rienstra, Valley City, ND, John (Fern) Rienstra, Litchville, ND; and a sister Katherine Busche, Lake Park, MN; and many nieces and nephews.

Rena is preceded in death by her husband, Gerrit; grandson, Luke Van Bruggen; her parents, brother, Conrad Rienstra; and sisters Lucy Van Bruggen Christensen and Mae Van Bruggen

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

JUN **24**. 2:30 PM (CT)

First Reformed Church
210 8th Ave.
Litchville, ND

Tribute Wall



“ I want to extend my deepest sympathy to Rena's family. Rena was my mother, Anne Lade's, roommate at the Sheyenne Care Center and passed away a day before my mother did. They are both in good hands now and at peace, although it's hard to see them go.##imported-begin##Judy Stahl##imported-end##

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“ Dear Van Bruggen family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. May the peace of God surround and keep you. God bless all of the family members. Pastor Mike and Junell Bishop##imported-begin##Rev. Mike Bishop##imported-end##

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