



Leona Nies

December 21, 1930 - February 4, 2017

Leona Nies passed away quietly on February 4, 2017 while surrounded by family and friends in Assumption Home, Cold Spring, MN. Leona was born on December 21, 1930 to Christian and Mary Hoffman in Ashley, North Dakota. She grew up with her six brothers and sisters in Southern North Dakota on the family farm near Ashley. Leona met Harold Ervin Nies and were married on November 30, 1947. Leona and Harold farmed until 1971 and then sold the farm and moved to Tucson, AZ where they were both employed until 1991. They then retired and moved to Richmond, MN and fulfilled their lifelong dream and purchased a home on the Chain of Lakes. Harold passed away in 1995. Leona remarried Clarence Plummer in 2005 and was widowed for the 2nd time in 2008. She was always an active member in her church and sang in the choir for many years.

Survivors include her daughter, Lily (Ronnie) Helfenstein; son, Michael (Lori) Nies; grandchildren, Matthew (Shelly) Helfenstein, Michael Helfenstein; great-grandson, Tyler Gephart; great-granddaughters, Madisyn, Victoria, Mikaela and Mariah Helfenstein; step-children, Karen Cobough, Kim McCusher, Kenny, Kevin, Kurt and Chris Plummer.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Harold (1995) and Clarence (2008); brothers and sisters, Ervin, Diana, Donald, Clarence, Ervin and LaVina.

Leona's family would like to express their deep appreciation to the staff at Assumption Home and Heartland Hospice both in Cold spring, MN for their loving attention and kindness shown to Leona in her final years and months.

Leona's family invites everyone who was lucky enough to know their humble, gracious and caring mother and grandmother to join them in celebrating her life at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 8 at Peace Lutheran Church in Cold Spring. Viewing will be from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Wednesday morning at the church. Burial will be Thursday, February 9th in the Ashley City Cemetery, Ashley, ND. Arrangements are with Wenner Funeral Home, Cold Spring, MN.

In lieu of flowers friends and family are encouraged to send donations to their favorite charity.

Previous Events

Gathering of Relatives and Friends

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Peace Lutheran Church
1000 Red River Ave. No.
Cold Spring, MN 56320

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Leona Nies*

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *Was sad to hear of Leona's passing, and wanted to send my thoughts and prayers with all of you! I have so many great memories of Leona. Loved her a lot. She will be missed.*
Denise Hoffman

Denise - February 07, 2017 at 10:11 AM



“ *So sorry about the loss of your mother, grandmother and sister. Knew Leona well, used to be neighbors when I was growing up on the farm. Remember watching over Lily and Micheal sometimes at my parents home, John and Esther Eszlinger. She was such a gracious and wonderful person. Gods Blessings to you all. Janice Should also mention she was my Sunday school teacher at our little neighborhood country church, which was the Salem Evangelical United Bretheren Church, located just north of our farm. She also sang in our choir and helped with many Christmas programs,*

Janice Eszlinger Meidinger - February 06, 2017 at 11:39 AM