



## Thecla S. Gertken

February 10, 1923 - January 30, 2014

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, January 30, 2014 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Richmond, MN for Thecla S. Gertken, age 90, who died Friday at Assumption Home. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. Relatives and friends may call from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Wenner Funeral Home in Richmond. Parish Prayers will be at 7:30 p.m. Visitation will continue from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Thursday morning at the funeral home. Thecla Gertken was born to Mathias and Eva (Hoppe) Buettner on February 10, 1923 at New Munich, MN. Her first 8 years of school were spent at New Munich Parochial School and she graduated from Paynesville High School. Thecla married Wendelin Gertken at St. Margaret Church in Lake Henry. She spent her married life on a farm at Avon and moved to Farming in 1946 where they farmed until retirement in 1987 when they moved to Richmond. She was a simple person just as a “Daisy” is a simple flower; she hoped her simple actions were pleasing to God. Thecla loved to cook for other people, garden, raise flowers, quilt, crochet, collecting cups, saucers, spoons, stamps and receipts. She loved little children. Thecla was a member of St. Catherine and Sts. Peter and Paul Christian Women and the Mission Circles of Farming and Richmond. Survivors include children, Gerald (Greta) Gertken, Dorothy Groom, Allan (Grace) Gertken, Marlene Parkhurst, Arthur (Lori) Gertken, Joanne (Steven) Danzeisen, Charles (Karen) Gertken, Elaine (John) Meyering; grandchildren, Geoffery, Tiffany, Jennifer, Alexis, Roger, Jessica, Jason, Chris, Josh, Jessi, Nick, Samantha, Tanner, Denise, Paul, Gretchen,

Andy, Adam, Andrea, Johnnie, Miranda; great-grandchildren, Rachel, Naomi, Emma, Mason, Tayler, Layne, Kailey, Damian, Braden, Ethan, Sadie, Roman, Vincent, Emmerson, Riley, Heidi, David; brothers, Leo Buettner and Sylvester Buettner. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wendelin in 1988; great-grandson, Jaron; sons-in-law, Alan Groom, Rick Parkhurst; siblings, Norbert, Alphonse, Rita Weniger, Agatha Urlaub and Lidwina Herbert.

# Tribute Wall



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