

Lavanda Henley



The memorial service for Lavanda L. Henley, 79, Aberdeen and formerly of Groton, will be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2002, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. The Rev. Craig Grams will officiate. Private inurnment will be held at the Groton Union Cemetery under the direction of Spitzer-Osthus Funeral Home, Aberdeen. Lavanda died on Friday, June 28, 2002, at Beverly Healthcare, Groton. Her body was cremated.

Visitation will be at the funeral home on Monday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a prayer service at 8 p.m., and will resume one hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials to the St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, or American Cancer Society.

Lavanda L. Gerharter was born on November 6, 1922, at Stratford, to Otto and Adela (Schley) Gerharter. This is the area where she grew up and attended school. She graduated from Stratford High School with the class of 1940. She then attended Aberdeen Business College and during the WWII days, she worked for the Register of Deeds office in Aberdeen. On April 24, 1944, she married Donald R. Henley at Aberdeen. They made their home on a farm near Putney until July 1999, when they moved to Aberdeen.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, where was a past Sunday School teacher and sang in the church choir for a number of years. While in Mesa, Ariz., they attended the Eternal Life Lutheran Church. She also was a member of the Putney Ladies Aide. She enjoyed gardening, needlework, golf and bridge.

Grateful for having shared her life are her husband, Donald, a son, Dennis (Bonnie) Henley, Greeley, Colo.; a daughter, Diane (John) Schaefer, Liberty, Mo.; three brothers, Marvin (Arlene) Gerharter, Vernon Gerharter, Aberdeen; and Gordon (Margie) Gerharter, Mesa, Ariz.; and three grandchildren.

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