

November 15, 2013

The Life of Cora Kurtz



- Services for Cora Kurtz, 93, of Aberdeen and formerly of Groton will be 2 p.m., Monday, November 18 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Aberdeen. Rev. Tyler Poppen will officiate. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen.
- Visitation will be held at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel on Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and will continue one hour prior to services at the church.
- Cora died at her residence on November 11, 2013.
- Cora Lillian was born at Putney, SD to Frank and Bertha (Lorenz) Jensen on December 17, 1919. She was raised on the

family farm, the 10th of 14 children. On September 19, 1936 she was united in marriage with Darrel Kurtz in Aberdeen and they were blessed with eight children: Myrtle, Shirley, Lois, Karen, Duane, Connie, Darwin and Dennis. Cora worked beside her husband on the family dairy. They moved to Aberdeen in 2002, due to her Darrel's health. He passed away in October of that year.

- Cora was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Aberdeen. She enjoyed working on crossword puzzles, crafts and collecting angels. She also liked to garden, both floral and vegetable. Cora took excellent care of her family and friends and was always willing to lend a helping hand. She enjoyed visiting with others, telling jokes and will be remembered for her heart of gold.
- Cora endured many sorrows during her lifetime, but her strong faith carried her through.
- Grateful for having shared her life are her children: Shirley Simon of Kaycee, WY, Lois (Victor) Schwan of Big Bear Lake, CA, Karen Kurtz of Aberdeen, Duane Kurtz of Groton, Connie Olson of Rapid City, Darwin (Joyce) Kurtz of Whitewood, SD, Dennis (Sue) Kurtz of Claremore, OK, her son-in-law, John Blocker, and two sister-in-laws, Abbie Jensen and Violet Jensen. Cora is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, 16 great-great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors.
- Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband of 66 years, her daughter, Myrtle Blocker, son-in-law, Tom Simon and all of her siblings: Laura, Dora, Loretta, Ruth, George, Melvin, Fred, Gustive, Oscar, Ben, LeRoy, Thurlo, and Norman.
- Memorials can be directed to the Lazy Farmer's 4-H Club or the James Cemetery, where her family members rest.