

December 13, 2002

RUBY ELLA VICKERS

- The funeral service for Ruby Ella Vickers, 93, a long time Claremont area resident, have been set for 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 2002 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church of Groton with Father David Janes officiating. Burial will follow at the Huffton Cemetery. Vickers died on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002 at Beverly Healthcare of Groton.

- Spitzer-Osthus Funeral Home, 320 6th Ave. SE is in charge of arrangements.

- Ruby Ella Cain was born on May 8, 1909 near Claremont, SD to John Frances and Cora (Holtslander)

Cain. She attended country school and high school in Claremont. She continued her education at Northern Normal and later taught at a rural school.

- Ruby married Arthur (Art) Lee Vickers on June 30, 1930 at Hecla, SD. To this union six children were born. They spent their entire 43 years of marriage in Claremont.

- She was an avid Claremont sports fan and a willing volunteer worker. She enjoyed writing poetry and published, "Thoughts by Ruby."

- Ruby was a life long member of the St. John de Britto Catholic Church of Britton and the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Groton.

- After the death of her husband on January 17, 1973, Ruby moved to Britton for three years. She then moved to Groton where she resided and became a resident of Beverly Healthcare in 1996.

- Grateful for having shared her life are her four sons: Michael (Evelynn) Vickers of Rapid City, SD, Patrick (Mary Kae) Vickers of Florida, Leon Vickers of Claremont, SD, and Larry Vickers of Hermosa, SD; two daughters: Nancy Kay (Jay) Gourley of Corwith, IA, and Colleen (Don) Lyle of La Mar, AK; five sisters: Inez Gulsvig of Britton, SD, Betty Beck of Claremont, SD, Marjorie Donovan of El Cajon, CA, Peggy Pierson of Britton, SD and Connie Hemen of Fort Calhoun, NE; and her special niece, Brenda Beck of Claremont, SD. Her nineteen grandchildren, twenty-nine great grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren will miss "Grandma Ruby." She was preceded in death by her husband: Arthur Lee Vickers; her parents: John and Cora Cain; two infant sons: Nicholas and Billy Vickers; two brothers: Jack Cain and Norm Cain; and two sisters: Dorothy Honey and Corabel Honey.

- The people in the Claremont and Groton area and especially the staff of Beverly Healthcare were very kind and loving to Ruby.





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