

## The Life of Olga Grandpre



Olga Hynes Grandpre made her final journey home on December 28, 2018, surrounded by her husband and children, at Mother Joseph Manor in Aberdeen SD. Services will be 10:30 a.m., January 4th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton. Father Mike Kelly will officiate.

Visitation will be held at the church on Thursday from 5-7 p.m. with a rosary at 5:00 and wake service at 7:00 p.m.

Inurnment will be held at a later date in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Conde.

Olga Marie Hynes was born on August 9th, 1927, and was the beloved only child of Edward and Mary (Loftus) Hynes. She grew up on their farm near Conde where she developed her love for all animals, especially cats. She attended Conde School and drew all of the illustrations for the yearbook the year that she graduated. After graduation, she attended Northern State College in Aberdeen for the program that was dubbed the Six Week Wonder that served to get teachers quickly out to communities during and after World War II. She taught the one room school houses at the Righnier and Miles Schools. She loved teaching and her students. In later life, she would substitute teach at the Conde Schools.

About that time, she reconnected with a young veteran who had grown up down the road. Earl proposed on Christmas Eve 1949 and they were married September 6th, 1950. Together they built a life on the family farm and reared a family of six children. Olga was Earl's partner in all aspects of life and they most enjoyed visiting with each other and their children. Along with acting as best friend, confidant and counselor to her husband and children, Olga was active in Legion Auxiliary and Altar Society. She formed a lifelong bond with her group of friends in birthday club and they shared their life journey monthly for over 50 years.

Her family called her "the nicest person we know." She will always be remembered for her love of family and friends, her pride in her Irish heritage, and her furry friends.

Olga was preceded in death by her parents Edward and Mary Hynes, her Godmother Ada Hynes, her Godfather Leonard Gavin and her son-in-law James Thomas.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years Earl Grandpre, Aberdeen. Children: Paula Thomas, Fargo; Suzanne (Kim) Gross, Sioux Falls; Bob (Becky) Grandpre, Elkhorn, NE; Donn (Renee) Grandpre, Aberdeen; Brian Grandpre, Aberdeen; Joan (James) Monson, Aberdeen. Grandchildren: Michael, Nikki, Ramey, Jessica, Kelli, Patrick, Nathan, Jenny, Ryan, Lisa, Andrew, Brian and Parker. Great Grandchildren: Diem & Wrenley; Evan and Ali; Gavin, Cory & Jordyn; Josiah, Maddie, Zeldia and Finley.

