

The Life Ruth Rix Volk Ingham



Ruth Clio Rix was born November 17, 1915 on her parent's farm in Groton. Her father, William Rix had seven children at the time of his wife's death. He later married Grace Robinson and had four more children, Ruth was the youngest.

She attended Groton schools until she was 16 when she moved to Michigan to help her two youngest brothers (Arden and Brian) work and sell a farm their mother had inherited. It was hoped that the sale of this farm would save the Groton farm during the depression.

While in Michigan she met and married Max Hinckley. They had two children; daughter Jacqueline (Jackie) and a son, Rix Rene. She returned to South Dakota in 1941 and lived in Aberdeen until 1998, when she moved to an apartment in Groton.

During her years in Aberdeen she worked at Jewett Drug filling wholesale drug orders. She worked there until 1947 when she married Joe Volk on June 3, 1947. Joe died on September 15, 1976. They had a daughter, Julie Susan. In order to stay at home with Julie, Ruth became a color artist for both Hardin and Artz studios. Later she became an employee at Artz Lab (Camera Supply) for over 30 years.

She retired in 1981 and married Charles (Chuck) Ingham, a former manager at Artz Studio. For several years they spent winters in California and summers at Pickerel Lake. Ruth had a cottage on Pickerel Lake for over 50 years. She and three of her brothers had six cabins in a row. Many family celebrations were held there for years. All of the places are now in the second and third generation of the Rix brothers and Ruth. The road to the cabins was named Rix Road. Ruth loved being at Pickerel Lake; she was still going out there to visit her daughters until 2011. In 2010 she moved to Sioux Falls due to declining health. She was living at Good Samaritan Luther Manor at the time of her death.

She is survived by her daughters: Jackie Sippel Wagner, Groton, and Julie (Susie) Volk Job, (Thomas), Sioux Falls, She has four grandchildren: David Sippel, and Dana (Amiee) Sippel, Pierpont; Chris (Elizabeth) Hinckley, Middletown, Del.; and Jessica Job of Sioux Falls, 10 great grandchildren: Jill Sippel Serocki (Jeff), Tory, Diane and Jacob Sippel, Jordan, Taryn, Sage, and Brynn Sippel, Alexandra (Lexi) Job, and Margo Hinckley. Three great-great grandchildren: Zachary & Lucas Serocki and Wyatt Sippel.

She was preceded in death by her three husbands, son: Rix Hinckley, sons-in law: Orylin Sippel and Paul Wagner, granddaughter: Jennifer Job Massa, eight brothers and two sisters.