

November 12, 2003

Obit: Ruth Nygaard

- PIERPONT- Ruth Nygaard , 97, of Bristol and formally of Pierpont. died on Sunday, November 9, 2003 at Sun Dial Manor in Bristol.
- Her funeral will be at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, November 13, 2003 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont, Rev. Julie Jewel officiating. Burial will be in the Homer Cemetery, Pierpont.
- Ruth Jeanette Nygaard was born on Monday, April 30, 1906 to George and Bertha (Olson) Stevenson at Andover, South Dakota. She was baptized and confirmed at the United Methodist Church in Andover. She attended school in Andover and graduated from Andover High School in 1924. She attended the University of South Dakota in Vermillion for two years and received her teaching certificate and then taught for two years in Andover.
- On June 12, 1929 she married Melvin Nygaard at the Andover Methodist Parsonage. After their marriage the couple made their home and farmed the Nygaard family homestead in Lynn Township, east of Pierpont. Mr. Nygaard died in 1990. After his death she continued to live on the farm with her son, Steven. She entered Sun Dial Manor in 2001.
- She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Pierpont where she taught Sunday School, was active in Ladies Aide and Circle, and bible study. She enjoyed gardening, knitting and crocheting, playing piano, doing crosswords and helped serve lunches with the 4-H.
- Ruth died on Sunday, November 9, 2003 at Bristol, South Dakota at the age of 97 years, 6 months and 9 days.
- Survivors include three sons, George (Rose) Nygaard of Gloucester, VA; Roger (Jean) Nygaard of Grand Island, NE and Steven Nygaard of Pierpont, SD; one daughter, Carol (Duane) Timmons of Muscatine, IA; ten grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, an infant son, James, and two sisters, Vera Stevenson and Doris Speirs.