

December 20, 2009

## The Life of Irene Stolsmark

- The funeral for Irene Stolsmark, 89, of Pierpont will be held Monday, Dec. 21, 2 p.m., at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont. Alan Ask will officiate. Burial will be in Homer Cemetery at a later date.
- Irene died December 17, 2009 at Golden Living Center, Groton.
- Irene Ask was born on April 1, 1920 in rural Pierpont to Rev. Casper & Laura (Moe) Ask. She attended school in Pierpont and graduated in 1938. She continued her education at Northern State College before returning to Pierpont. Irene was united in marriage with Joseph "Joe" Stolsmark on August 10, 1941 at her grandfather's farm. Together they made



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- Irene was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont. She taught Sunday School and also served on the Board of Education at the church. She was active in Bible Study Circle and the Ladies Aid. Irene enjoyed visiting with friends over coffee, cooking and taking care of her family.
- Grateful for having shared in her life are her children, JoAnn Zweber of Groton; Roger Stolsmark of Pierpont; Brad (Penny) Stolsmark of Pierpont and Rod Stolsmark of Groton, eight grandchildren, Kimberly Morgan, Kristin (Marc) Belanger, Paula (Brad) Krueger, Laura (Tom) Kaiser, Brodrick (Erin) Stolsmark, Nathan (Kirsten) Bertsch, Ian (Nichole) Bertsch, Jessica Bertsch, nine great-grandchildren and two sister-in-laws, Joyce (Milton) Erickson of Sioux Falls and Anita Stolsmark of Langford.
- Preceding her in death was her husband, Joe, her parents, two children, Leona and Orlo; one brother, Milton Ask and her sister, Marian Tople.
- Honorary Casketbearers will be Paula Krueger, Kimberly Morgan, Laura Kaiser, Kristin Belanger, Jessica Bertsch, Erin Stolsmark, Kirsten Bertsch, Nichole Bertsch and the Staff at Golden Living Center.
- Casketbearers will be her grandsons, Brodrick Stolsmark, Nathan Bertsch, Ian Bertsch Brad Krueger, Tom Kaiser and Marc Belanger.

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