

The Life of Audrey Thurston



Audrey Thurston, 91, of Groton fell asleep October 25, 2016 at Golden Living Center, Groton.

Funeral services will be 11:00 A.M. Saturday October 29, 2016 at the United Methodist Church in Groton. Pastor Thomas Carlson will officiate. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Aberdeen at 1:45 P.M. following lunch.

Visitation will be Friday beginning with a prayer service at 7:00 P.M. and will resume after the prayer service until 9:00 P.M. at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel.

Audrey Marie Thompson was born to Chester and Florence (Wagoner) Thompson on November 29, 1924. She attended grade school Thompson Country School two miles from her home. She later attended and graduated from Groton High School in 1942.

Audrey was the secretary for the Credit Manager at Sacony Vacuum Oil Company in Aberdeen for three years. She was united in marriage to Norman Thurston on December 14, 1945. The couple lived at Tinley Park, Illinois for one year until returning to Groton. The couple began farming in the Putney area until 1980, when the couple retired and built a home in Groton.

Audrey was a lifetime member of the Groton United Methodist Church. She was active in UMW, the church choir, and also taught both Bible School and Sunday School for many years. She was a communion steward and past member of the Administrative Board. Audrey was also a member of Putney Ladies Aid and PEO. She volunteered at Golden Living Center, assisting with BINGO and other activities with the residents.

Celebrating her life is her son, Gary (Linda) Thurston of Groton, three grandsons: Todd Thurston, Rob Thurston, and Rick (Kate) Thurston, nine great-grandchildren: Mitchel, Riley, Emily, Drew, Madison, Kennedy, Kamden, Taylor, and Asher. She is also survived by her sister Sondra (Rex) Peckham and her lifelong friend, Doraine Green. Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband Norm, two brothers, Ivan and Darwin, and her sister Shirley Sueltz.

Groton Lions ditch clean-up

Four members of the Groton Lions Club cleaned several miles of ditches on the east side of Groton on Thursday afternoon. The club does this community service in the spring and fall.

Members working Thursday afternoon were Dave Pigors, club president; Ron Rehfuss, Lee Schinkel, and Topper Tastad