



Hazel M. Gerling

August 14, 1930 - September 16, 2019

NORFOLK -- Memorial service for Hazel M. Gerling, 89, of Madison, formerly of Norfolk will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, September 19, 2019 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk with Rev. Terry Buol officiating. Inurnment will be at the Prospect Hill Cemetery, Norfolk. Hazel died Monday, September 16, 2019 at the Countryside Home in Madison. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Hazel M. Gerling, daughter of Detlef and Meta (Messerschmidt) Barge, was born Aug. 14, 1930, and raised on a farm near Nacora, Neb. She attended grade school and high school in Emerson. She always enjoyed gardening and canning, especially tomatoes and pickles. The tomatoes made for very tasty chili soup in the winter. She was proud that she did her own yard work until she was in her eighties.

She married Robert Gerling Jr. on Oct. 16, 1949, at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Emerson. The family farmed in the Wakefield area. They farmed until 1974 when they moved to Norfolk.

Hazel worked at Dale Electronics in Norfolk from 1975 to 1996. She then worked at the Stanton Nursing Home. She loved her cats and only allowed one of them to come inside her house. She fed and watered many more, but they had to stay "outside." She enjoyed attending polka dances at The Old German Hall near Emerson, as well as the Wisner Auditorium and, for many years, at the Riverside Ballroom in Norfolk, where she and Bob celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

Another past time was playing pitch, which everyone enjoyed at her parents' home on the farm and later in Emerson after they retired. It was usually for a dime to win and a nickel for going set, which was a lot of cash back in the day. After Hazel could no longer plant a huge garden, she loved going to the Farmers Markets. Her favorite item was the little red potatoes. Whenever she would go out to eat, she would make sure to get a leftover to go for her favorite indoor kitty. Her favorite spots to eat were The Granary in Norfolk and Club 81 by Humphrey for hot beef sandwiches.

She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Emerson.

Survivors include her children, Jerry (Connie) Gerling of Norfolk and Linda (Darrell) Carter of Elk Point, S.D.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her spouse, Robert Gerling Jr. in 1988; her daughter,

Debra Hansen in 1979; her parents, Detlef and Meta; six sisters and a brother.

Honorary casketbearers will be her grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Amy, Becky, Matthew, Heidi, Rylie, Kynlee and Addie.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery

Prospect Hill Cemetery - Norfolk

1500 Maple Avenue

Norfolk, NE, 68701

Events

SEP **Memorial Service** 10:30AM

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1200 N.13th St., Norfolk, NE, US, 68701