



Helen C. Rahl

May 29, 1918 - March 7, 2018

PIERCE -- Memorial services for Helen C. Rahl, 99, Pierce, will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 27, at Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce. The Rev. Gordon Bruce and Jesse Baker will officiate with inurnment in Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Norfolk. Stonacek Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. She died Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at Premier Estates in Pierce. Helen Clara Klein was born on May 29, 1918, to George and Martha (Retzlaff) Klein in Pierce, the fourth of nine daughters. She grew up in the Pierce and Norfolk areas, attending schools in Norfolk and Pierce. She was baptized as an infant and confirmed on her 14th birthday — May 29, 1932 — at Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk. She was married at Grace Lutheran on Nov. 16, 1934, to Ervin Rahl of Pierce. They were blessed with two daughters and two sons: Janelle, Marlene, Richard and Tom. They farmed west of Pierce until 1954, when they moved to California for a year. They returned to the Pierce area and remained there until Ervin passed away in 1990. She then moved to Mesa, Ariz., to be near several of her sisters. She lived there for 17 years until health issues caused a move back to Pierce. In July 2007, she moved into Pierce Manor. She was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce. She is survived by two children, Janelle and spouse Leroy Fischer of Pierce and Tom and spouse Janet of Idaho Falls, Idaho; also 13 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren and 58 great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Darlene Luebe of Houston, Texas, and Donna Steging of Burnsville, Minn. She was preceded in

death by her parents; spouse Ervin; a daughter and son-in-law, Marlene and Wilbur Warneke; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Julie Rahl; a grandson, Clinton Fischer; and six sisters, Lila and Lillian in infancy, Evalyn Saathoff, Gladys Thomsen, Edna Degner and Jean Knobel. Organist will be Dottie Ahlers with the congregation singing "For Me To Live Is Jesus," "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Pallbearers will be her great-grandsons, Patrick Fischer, Christopher Fischer, Jason Fischer, Derik Watts, Calvin Watts and Justin Warneke. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen C. Rahl*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *She looks about the same as when they were still having Retzlaff reunions. My Dad, Art Retzlaff, always enjoyed visiting with her. Seems they had spent a lot of time together in their earlier years. My sympathy to all the family.*

Gloria Retzlaff Ruegge - April 24, 2018 at 11:14 PM



“ *My sympathy to the family. Mom enjoyed Helen's company when they were both at the manor together. May they find that peace again. God Bless
Brenda (Birch) Mather*

Brenda Mather - April 23, 2018 at 01:30 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to the family from our family. Shala (Jelinek) Carter, granddaughter of Emma (Synovec) Jelinek. God rest your soul.*



Shala Carter - March 09, 2018 at 04:21 PM