



Velma E. Couchman

December 1, 1922 - March 3, 2017

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Velma E. Couchman, 94, of Pierce will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk with Rev. Gordon Bruce officiating. Interment will be at the Prospect View Cemetery in Pierce. Visitation will begin prior to the service at 9 a.m. on Wednesday at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel. Velma passed away Friday, March 3, 2017 at the Heritage of Bel-Air Nursing in Norfolk.

Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Velma E. Couchman departed this life on March 3rd, 2017. She was born December 1, 1922, rural Pierce, to Robert Retzlaff, Sr. and Ida Schultz Retzlaff. She graduated from Pierce High School in 1940. Prior to her marriage, she worked as a licensed beautician. Velma married Donald E. Couchman on July 3, 1945. They were the parents of four daughters, Connie, Nancy, Jean and Joan. She was preceded in death by her parents, by her husband Don, by her daughter Jean, and by her brother Robert Retzlaff, Jr. She is survived by daughter Connie (Clark Walter) Friend of Charlottesville, Virginia; daughter Nancy Weinberger of Kearney; and daughter Joan (Frank) Messerli of Omaha. She is also survived by brother Byron Retzlaff of Lincoln, sisters Beverly Kortje of Norfolk and Frances (Reuben) Pospisil of Norfolk, and sister-in-law, Jean Retzlaff of Pierce.

Velma was an accomplished seamstress and was justifiably proud of her accomplishments. In their younger years, she loved to dress her four girls in dresses that she had sewn and curl their hair in long ringlets. Her special gift

to her children was to teach them how to make a house a home.

Except for a brief period in which she and Don lived in Plainview and near the end of her life when she lived at the Meadows in Norfolk, Velma spent her entire life in Pierce. For her, Pierce was the center of the universe. Throughout her life she kept a scrapbook of newspaper clippings about her Pierce friends and neighbors. At the time of her death, she continued to clip articles from the newspapers about people that she knew. She felt special knowing these people.

Velma spent many years of her life as a shut-in in Pierce. She was always so thankful for the many neighbors and friends who showed her kindness. She especially enjoyed visiting with the young adults that came to her home to help her. Whether it was a grocery delivery or an electrical repair, she enjoyed the conversation and saved it and savored it as a special memory.

Soloist will be Rick Higgins.

Casket bearers will be Frank Messerli, Clark Walter, Matt Behrens, David Kortje, Thomas Kortje, and Eric Retzlaff.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Pierce Rescue Squad.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Prospect View Cemetery - Rural Pierce

Pierce, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 9:00 AM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
1200 N.13th St.
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Tribute Wall



“ *Velma E. Couchman*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Velma E. Couchman.*



March 07, 2017 at 05:29 PM



“ *Believe it or not I miss snow blowing Velma's driveway. The nicest lady you'd ever want to be neighbors with been missing her since she moved to Norfolk.*

Rick Stambaugh - March 05, 2017 at 05:00 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with her loving daughters*💕



Lisa Messerli Pudys - March 04, 2017 at 12:31 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Velma E. Couchman.*



March 04, 2017 at 10:43 AM