



Paulina Johnson

January 22, 1915 - April 17, 2003

Paulina Johnson, age 88, of Circle, passed away on Monday, April 14, 2003 at the McCone County Health Center and Nursing Home in Circle, Montana. A Vigil Service will be held at 7:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 16, 2003 at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, April 17, 2003 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive with Father Joseph Ponessa officiating. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. Paulina was born on January 22, 1915 in Dawson County, the eldest daughter of 11 children born to Louis and Barbara (Kuntz) Geiger. She was raised on the family homestead south of Bloomfield and received her 8th grade diploma from Morgan Creek School. She worked as a hired girl for several families in the area and at the Dawson County Hospital before being united in marriage to Basil Gavin of Union in 1938. They lived in Glendive and Sidney while working for WPA and moved to their farm south of Bloomfield. Later they moved to Lindsay where they ran a blacksmithing operation. In 1949, they moved to Glendive where Paulina worked at the Northern Pacific Hospital and several clothing stores in the area before settling down to work at home as a dressmaker. Basil passed away in 1968. She remarried a family friend, Dale Johnson of Lindsay, in October of 1969 and they moved to their farm near Lindsay. In 1985, they retired and moved to Circle. Dale passed away in 1989. Paulina continued living in Circle until entering the McCone County Health Center in December

of 2002. Paulina was always adept in many things, besides sewing - she enjoyed cooking, baking and even baked many wedding cakes. She was well known for her beautiful embroidery and handiwork. Paulina was preceded in death by her two husbands; her parents; one brother, Peter Geiger; two sisters, Cecelia Schank and Anna Latka and one son-in-law, Emil Kondelik. Paulina is survived by her two daughters, Evelyn Kondelik of Circle and Loretta Livingston and her husband Lloyd of O'Fallon, Missouri; one brother, Mike Geiger and his wife Dorothy of Glendive; six sisters, Monica Geiger, Mary Geiger, Helen Evinrude, Bertha Evinrude, Frances Steiner and her husband Jake, all of Glendive and Clara Byrd and her husband Tom of Plainview, Texas; two brothers-in-law, Albert Latka and Joe Schank, both of Glendive; one sister-in-law, Marlene Barth of Billings, Montana; 8 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Tribute Wall



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