



Ruth Johnson

April 8, 1915 - July 27, 2007

Ruth Esther Johnson, age 92, of Beach, North Dakota, passed away on Sunday, July 22, 2007, at West River Regional Medical Center in Hettinger, North Dakota. Visitation will be held from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 26, 2007, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Beach and one hour prior to services at the First Lutheran Church in Beach on Friday, July 27, 2007. Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, July 27, 2007, at the First Lutheran Church in Beach with Pastor Paul Peterson officiating. Interment will follow in the Beach Lutheran Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is entrusted with arrangements. Ruth was born on April 8, 1915, in Beach, North Dakota, the daughter of Oscar and Mary (Kelner) Clarin. She lived on the home farm north of Golva, North Dakota, with her parents and two brothers. Ruth was educated in the Golva schools and graduated with the class of 1935. After graduating from high school, Ruth attended Dickinson Normal School completing a one year rural course. She taught in a country school three miles from the Clarins' home farm. Her dad, Oscar, bought Ruth a good horse and saddled it for her each day by 7:30 a.m. in order for Ruth to ride to the country school. Ruth later attended college in Dillon, Montana, and attained her life teaching certificate. Ruth met Karnes Johnson at a barn dance held in Slope county. Ruth and Karnes married on June 20, 1941, in Wibaux, Montana. She was teaching school at Alpha at the time. Ruth and Karnes made their home on the X-X Ranch along the Little Missouri River. Karnes served six sessions

in the North Dakota State Legislature. Ruth spent a great deal of time in Bismarck and spent many hours attending meetings with the other legislators' wives. She also served as a tour guide at the capitol when school children from their district visited. Ruth was a charter member of the North Dakota Cowbells and belonged to the Beach Eastern Star. She was also a 4-H leader. In later years, Ruth and Karnes enjoyed going on tours of different countries including England, France, Switzerland, West Germany, Belgium, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and Holland. Other tours took them through the United States including Alaska and Hawaii. They met many interesting people and had wonderful memories from their travels. In November of 2000, Ruth and her husband moved to the Golden Valley Manor in Beach. Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Karnes on July 27, 2002; and her two brothers, Robert and Arthur. Ruth is survived by her son, William Johnson of Sentinel Butte, North Dakota; her daughter, Gail Weishaar and her husband Wayne of Lemmon, South Dakota; her grandchildren, Mark Johnson and Ryan Johnson both of Dickinson, North Dakota, Shawn Weishaar and his wife Sarah of Lemmon, South Dakota, Scott Weishaar and his wife Heather of Sentinel Butte, North Dakota, and Sara Kordovsky and her husband Adam of Bowman, North Dakota; seven great-grandchildren, Donny Johnson, Aubrey, Lauren, Madison, and Sam Weishaar, and Luke and Levi Kordovsky; and her sisters-in-law, Eleanor Clarin and Lowella Clarin both of Beach, North Dakota. Memorials made in Ruth's name may be sent to the Golden Valley Manor, 260 5th St SW, Beach, North Dakota 58621; or to the Beach Lutheran Cemetery Fund, % Gloria Ueckert, P.O. Box 352, Beach, North Dakota 58621.

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