



## Ruth Lorea Kietzmann

July 20, 2015

Funeral service for Ruth Lorea Kietzmann will be on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at 11:00am at Faith Lutheran Church , 714 N. Grand Ave., Pierre, SD with Pastor Brad Urbach officiating. Visitation will be held an hour prior from 10:00-11:00am. Private burial will follow the reception in at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Blunt, SD.

Ruth, age 87, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 20 at Golden Living Center in Pierre. She was born on February 15, 1928 in Harrold, SD to Arthur Karl and Nelda (Carr) Kiepke. She attended school for 10 years in Harrold before moving to Blunt with her parents. She graduated from Blunt High School and attended beauty school in Watertown, SD. On November 20, 1947, Ruth married the love of her life, Floyd Arthur Kietzmann, at the Lutheran Church in Harrold. The couple farmed and ranched around the Hughes County area until 1952 when they moved to Fort Pierre, SD. 1958 brought them back to Blunt where Ruth worked as a sales clerk in the Blunt Cash Store while Floyd was a mechanic for the Howard Brothers Implement and Hardware Store. Ruth and Floyd were charter members of Trinity Lutheran Church where she was an active member of LWML and was a 4-H leader. In 1964 they built and operated Floyd's Standard and the Westside Diner until 1970 when, due to health reasons by Floyd, they moved to Sioux Falls, SD. Ruth worked as a sales clerk at Geyerman's Woman's Clothier and Floyd attended vocational school. They returned to Pierre where both were employed by the State of South Dakota. She worked in the

Education Department and Bid Letting Office for the Department of Transportation, retiring in March of 1990. Floyd passed away on April 18, 2002 and Ruth continued living in their apartment until entering Golden Living Center in August of 2007.

Ruth is survived by three children: Linda (Jack) Morgan, of Holloway, OH; Lois (John) Downy, of Livermore, CA; Donald Glenn (Mary) Kietzmann of Mendota Heights, MN; her ex-daughter-in-law, Iva Kietzmann of Rochester, MN; seven grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Art and Nelda; her husband, Floyd; brothers Jimmy Dean, Alvin and Donald; two sisters Charlene and Lucille; and one granddaughter, Penny.