



Ardean Edzards Cogger

November 14, 1924 - October 30, 2013

We celebrate the life of Ardean Laverne (Edzards) Cogger who was born on November 14, 1924 to Herman and Wilhelmine (Leenerts) Harms in Bruning NE. Ardean was baptized (1924) and confirmed (1939) at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Ardean graduated from Bruning High School as valedictorian, at the age of 16, in 1941. She enjoyed all subjects, but history was probably her favorite, and she enjoyed participating in speech. She attended summer courses at Hastings College. Ardean taught school for 1 year at a Shickley country school, then for three years at Prairie Grove, the same school she attended as a child. Ardean married Alton Edgar Edzards on March 17, 1944 and from this union 4 children were born: Richard, Larry, Donna, and Janice. Ardean and Alton farmed in the Bruning area. They raised cattle, hogs, chickens and milked cows. Ardean helped move the irrigation pipe, truck grain, and help with the tractor work. She raised a big garden and did much canning, as well as taking care of their home and children. Later in life she was affectionately called Grandma Great by her family.

Ardean was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church and was a member of Mission Society, Ladies Aid, Circle 2 and was a Sunday school and Bible school teacher for many years. Ardean served as a 4-H leader for the Stitch and Stir Club and taught many girls the fine art of sewing. She also enjoyed Chit Chat Club and Bruning Women's Club. After visiting Arizona for several years due to Alton's health, they became 'winter visitors' and had a residence

in Chandler AZ. They formed many friendships there.

After Alton's death in 1984, Ardean continued to go to Arizona where she met, and then married Arnold Cogger in Bruning on June 21, 1990. They continued to travel to Arizona in the winter and visit their families in Bruning and Michigan in the summer. Ardean moved to Heritage Crossings in March 2010 where she lived until her death. Ardean is preceded in death by Alton Edzards and Arnold Cogger; one daughter Donna Lynne; her parents Herman and Minnie Harms; one brother, Keith Harms; and one sister, Roene Russell. Ardean is survived by three children: Richard Alton Edzards and wife Nancy of Omaha NE; Larry Alan Edzards and wife Betty of Bruning NE; and Janice Ann Fintel and husband Doug of Bruning NE; one sister Ramona Maske and husband Harvey of Lincoln NE; grandchildren Jon Edzards and wife Lisa; Jason Edzards and wife MaryAnn; Micky Tatro and husband Jason; Katina Gordon; Amy Peterson and husband Aaron; and Aaron Fintel and wife Jodi. Grandchildren: Skyler, Emma, Cooper, and Drew Edzards; Austin, Carson and Brock Tatro; Reagan Gordon; Hunter and Hudson Fintel, and Asher Peterson. Step children Ed Cogger, wife Pat and family; Doug Cogger, wife Jeanne and family; Tom Cogger, wife Cheryl and family; Bette Cogger Delekta, husband Frank and family; and Paul Cogger.

Funeral services were conducted from the Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, November 2, 2013 with Pastor Stuart Sell officiating. Myra Kluck accompanied the congregation who sang How Great Thou Art, On Eagle's Wings and Borning Cry.

Casket bearers were Aaron Fintel, Jason Tatro, Aaron Peterson, Jon Edzards, Jason Edzards and Austin Tatro. Honorary casket bearers were Brock Tatro, Skyler Edzards, Cooper Edzards, Asher Peterson, Hunter Fintel, Carson Tatro, Drew Edzards, Emma Edzards, Reagan Gordon and Hudson Fintel. Interment was in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery with Farmer & Son Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Memorials are directed to the family.