



Erna Ribeiro

June 30, 1918 - January 3, 2013

Erna Ribeiro was born to August and Edna Elizabeth (Ochsner) Dockter on June 30, 1918, in Kidder County, North Dakota. She passed away on Thursday, January 3, 2013 at the Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva, Nebraska at the age of 94 years, 6 months and 4 day. She was one of 7 children in the family. Erna traveled with her family from North Dakota to Sutton Nebraska at the age of 10. Later they moved to a farm south of Grafton and she attended Country District School 7. She graduated from 8th grade at Geneva City Auditorium, which is now the Rialto II theatre. In order to attend High School she worked for a family in Geneva. She graduated from Geneva High School with the class of 1940. Following graduation she worked at Mumby's Café in Fairmont and then worked at the Fairmont Air Base as a civilian cook where she met her future husband Antonio, who was a Sgt. in the service. On August 7th 1944 Erna married Antonio Marques Ribeiro at the Fillmore Co. Courthouse. To this union 4 children were born; Ramona, Delores, Dianne, and Dennis. During his time in the Air Force the family lived in South Dakota, Colorado, Alaska, New York, Puerto Rico, and finally Maine where Tony retired from the service after which the family returned to Geneva NE. Erna worked for the Heritage for 5 years. Erna was a good homemaker and a wonderful mother to her children. Erna loved reading, crossword puzzles, Scrabble, sewing and crocheting. She was in a Bible Study group and a Senior Center Kitchen-Band. She and her sister Esther took trips with the Ambassador Club. She loved her family and enjoyed frequent reunions

and getting together with them. She was preceded in death by her husband Antonio Ribeiro, her brothers Benjamin, Edward, and Marvin Dockter, Sister Esther Emerson and son-in-law John Godown. She is survived by two brothers Elmer (Wilma) Dockter of Geneva and Ray (Lois) Dockter of Westminster CO, sister-in-law Marilyn Dockter of Exeter. Her children Ramona (Keith) Andrews of Geneva, Delores Godown of Geneva, Dianne Bennett of Elba, and Dennis (Pat) Ribeiro of Lincoln, seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted from the Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, Nebraska on Monday, January 7, 2013, with Rev. Ron Harris officiating. Musical selections were "Amazing Grace" and "Softly and Tenderly". Casket bearers were John Godown, Doug Godown, Tony Godown, Levi Bennett, Paul Dzingle, Keith Andrews, Dennis Bennett and Cy Bennett. Interment was in the Geneva Public Cemetery with Farmer & Son in charge of arrangements. Memorials are directed to Geneva Senior Center of Heritage Crossings. Card Of thanks The Family wishes to thank the staffs of Heritage and the Fillmore County Hospital for the excellent care and thoughtfulness and all they have done to make Erna comfortable. We wish to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls and their thoughts and prayers.

Family of Erna Ribeiro

Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to your families. Erna is a GREAT lady. I remember Kyle and Mandy going to see her, and she would give them cookies. Later on I took Natasha and she enjoyed them as well. God Bless U All !!*

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