



Virginia L Krasser

January 29, 1926 - March 31, 2011

Funeral services for Virginia Louise Krasser will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 4, 2011 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Cordova, Nebraska. Visitation will begin Sunday at 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Farmer Funeral Home in Exeter with the family greeting friends from 5:30 until 8:00. Interment will be in the Exeter Cemetery. Memorials are directed to the St. John's Lutheran Church, Pilots for Christ, Local Food Pantries or Donor's choice.

Virginia Louise (Hain) Krasser died Thursday, March 31, 2011 at her home. Virginia was born on a farm on January 29, 1926 to Carl and Louise (Kading) Hain in Guthrie County, Iowa. In April of 1926, at 3 months old, Virginia lost her father and moved to Casey, Iowa, along with her 4 older brothers, where they lived with her Grandmother Kading. In 1932 they moved to Cordova, Nebraska with a new stepfather who was called to be a pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Virginia could recall her stepfather showing them the big windmill landmark in the middle of town. The parsonage next to the church was to be their new home for the next few years. Before long they were making new friends in the neighborhood and in school. Virginia started taking music lessons and her teacher, Elna Hansen, charged 25 cents for each weekly lesson. Her stepfather put her to work playing the old pump organ. Times were difficult but one Christmas 75 pennies were collected to compensate for her services. With braces on her teeth, her stepfather would take Virginia to see Dr. Wallace in Friend, and she bought a deck of cards called Rook with the 75 pennies. They played Rook and ate lots of popcorn,

especially in the winter. Very few teenagers had their own cars during that time. So, her parents took turns escorting their children to out-of-town school games.

Her mother baked twice a week and Virginia could still remember the aroma of her mother's home baked bread and rolls. Virginia's first jobs were to clean the upstairs bedrooms and frost the rolls each Saturday. Since there was no TV, her mother would turn on the radio and they would listen to Fibber McGee & Molly, Jack Benny, and Minnie Pearl.

Virginia remembered her folks had a cow (ha, ha) and her mother would make tapioca pudding, and cottage cheese. She peddled her mother's cheese for 10 cents a pint.

Some summers her dad would let her spend a month or so with Grandma Hain on the farm in Iowa and visit cousins, uncles and aunts. Virginia loved that, and Grandma Hain became a strong Christian influence and example in her life, along with her dear Christian aunts and uncles, which Virginia treasured.

The depression years forced her stepfather to resign his ministry. With a younger sister plus two brothers to support besides her four brothers, he started a trucking and later combine business and they all moved to a different house in Cordova. Eventually they all finished school in Cordova and her four brothers joined the Army and three of them were in the World War II conflict. After graduating from high school, Virginia took some stenographic classes in Lincoln and worked for American Lightning Rod Company.

In March, 1946, she married her high school sweetheart and classmate and settled on a farm two miles north of Cordova, where she remained throughout her life. They became parents of twelve children. In the 1960's unfortunately her husband developed kidney disease, and had three kidney transplants at Colorado General Hospital, but succumbed and died in 1972.

Preceded in death by her husband, Rex, parents, four brothers, a grandchild, a great grandchild, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins in Iowa.

Virginia's survivors include her children Arnold of Friend, Dianne and husband

Richard Plock of Lincoln, Kenneth and wife Peggy of Beaver Crossing, Paul and wife Patty of Crete, Deb Petersen of Lincoln, Marcia and husband Dick Erdkamp of York, Leonard of Friend, Larry of Exeter, Mary Krasser of Lincoln, Doug of Lincoln, Lee and wife Lisa of Crete and Lois and husband Jim Petersen of York 19 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, one great, great grandchild 2 brothers, one sister and numerous cousins, nieces & nephews. Virginia tried to overcome her fears by the power of faith, seeking strength for each day.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dear Deb,
I was sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May God give you strength, peace, and hope. May your mother rest in peace. Take good care. See you soon.*

Ellen Moeller - April 03, 2011 at 12:19 PM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sadness.*

Phyllis Lenagh - April 03, 2011 at 10:34 AM