



## Elbertha Richter

October 6, 1922 - August 13, 2014

Elbertha Leona Richter, 91, Chancellor, SD, died Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at the Lennox Good Samaritan Center. She was born on October 6, 1922 to Alrich and Katie (Geiken) Stratmeyer on a farm near Tea, SD. She attended grade school in Tea and graduated from Lennox High School in 1940. She married Donald Richter on June 3, 1941 at the II Reformed Church, Lennox. They were farming partners in the Lennox and Chancellor areas and raised their children on the family farm four miles north of Chancellor. They were very involved in the Chancellor Reformed Church and their children's schools. They retired in 1983 and moved into their little green house in Chancellor. Elbertha became a resident of the Lennox Good Samaritan Center in November of 2008. Elbertha was a devoted wife, mother and homemaker. She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior on April 18, 1944. She taught Sunday School, Bible School and Catechism classes. She was also a member of the Dorcus Circle and Guild. She sang in choirs during the Sioux Empire Crusade for Christ in 1969 and the Billy Graham Crusade 1987. Her life motto was JOY, to serve Jesus first, Others second and Yourself last. Elbertha was preceded in death by her husband Donald on February 3, 2011 (4 months before their 70th wedding anniversary), her parents, brother John Stratmeyer, sister Jennie & brother-in-law Frank Haan, & daughter-in-law, Linda (Bingner) Richter Survivors: son, David (Linda Javers) Richter, Lennox, daughters, Kaye (Greg) LaFollette and Donnel (Cal) Wheeler, both of Sioux Falls; brother Earl (Marian) Stratmeyer, Sun City, AZ, sisters-in-law,

Lorraine Stratmeyer, Canton & Dorothea Richter Kock, Lennox; 7 grandchildren: Jon & Brian (Sandy) Richter, Lennox, Heather & Tim Allmendinger, & Clint Wheeler, Sioux Falls, Amanda (Kevin) Blackman, Brooklyn, NY & Susan (Alan) Poupore, Wilson, MI; 9 great-grandchildren: Riley & Jayden Allmendinger, Austin & Lydia Richter, Zoey & Jasper Blackman, Jessica VandenBosch, Annalise & Zachary Poupore. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 16 at Chancellor Reformed Church with burial in the Chancellor Reformed Cemetery. Visitation also at Chancellor Reformed, will begin at 2:00 p.m. Friday with the family present from 5 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials to Chancellor Reformed Church Memorial Fund or the Union Gospel Mission.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *You are in my Thoughts and Prayers*

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**karen stratmeyer** - August 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *The Richter Family: so sorry for your loss we have such great memories of your folks and staying at your house. Pizza parties were the best! Hope your wonderful memories help you through this time of sorrow. Your mom was such a wonderful Christian lady who helped all in need. She will be missed. God Bless!*

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**Deb and Dale** - August 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM