



Janet Valentien

May 12, 1922 - January 3, 2015

Janet Christena Valentien, 92, met her Lord and Savior on the afternoon of Saturday, Jan. 3rd, 2015. She was born to Peter W. and Aileen Javers on May 12, 1922 at Lennox, SD. Janet was raised in Lennox and graduated from Lennox High School in 1942. After graduation she worked as the Lennox telephone switchboard operator. After a few years she moved to Chicago to attend Moody Bible Institute to prepare for missionary work. During these years she fell in love with a Lennox farmer, and this changed the course of her life. Janet married John Valentien on February 14th, 1948, and immediately moved to the farm. This city girl quickly learned to round up escaping horses, butcher chickens, and feed pigs. She brought so much color to her house yard with her love of flowers. They lovingly raised their three children Gene, Linda, and Dianne on the family farm. Janet loved her Lord Jesus Christ. She was a lifelong member of Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian where she served the Lord by teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, and spending countless hours in the kitchen helping prepare food for weddings and funerals. She loved her volunteer work with her sister, Evelyn, at the local food pantry located at Ebenezer. She dearly loved her church family. Janet acquired her love of flowers by working many years at the Lennox Greenhouse which was owned by her parents. When her parents retired and sold their shop she continued as a floral designer at Stubsten Greenhouse in Lennox, later retiring from The Flower Box in Sioux Falls. As a young child she learned to knit from a neighbor woman by using two long carpenter nails. She was knitting and

crocheting up to the time of her death; providing her family and friends with afghans, baptism blankets, and her special knitted dish cloths. Janet was an accomplished quilter sewing beautiful heirloom quilts for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She made 546 blankets for injured and sick children during her years as a Blanketeer for Project Linus. Janet received several awards for her many hours of volunteer work for RSVP in the Sioux Falls area. She celebrated being a 30 year breast cancer survivor last summer. Most of all Janet loved her family. She couldn't rest in the evening until she made sure her family had all returned to their homes safely from work. She wouldn't consider missing a family gathering. She loved attending the concerts, programs, ball games, graduations, and birthday celebrations of her great-grandchildren. Janet also loved the almost daily phone conversations with her sisters, Evelyn and Lila. Janet is survived by her children Gene (Billie) Valentien of Lennox, Linda (John) Pien of Lennox, and Dianne (Tim) Neuroth of Sioux Falls. Grandchildren Mark (Jamie) Valentien of Brandon, Erin Valentien of Lennox, David (Sari) Pien of Worthing, Laura (Mike) Reed of Humboldt, Justin Neuroth of Sioux Falls, and Colin Neuroth of Sioux Falls. Great-grandchildren Jessica and Kiara Valentien of Brandon, Johnathon Pien of Worthing, and Christena and Hannah Reed of Humboldt, two sisters Evelyn Bossman of Sioux Falls and Lila Tiede of Kimball, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Preceding her to Heaven were her parents and her husband, John, 1994 Services will begin at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 8, at Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church with burial to follow in the Lennox Cemetery. Visitation will begin two hours prior to the funeral, at noon, Thursday, at the church. Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Lennox is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

KC

“ Janet had a wonderful sense of humor. I've missed talking with her at Hy-Vee these last several years. She will be missed.

Kelly Cole - January 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ My thoughts and Prayers are with all of Janet's family and friend. Janet has been a part of our family for 35 years, she will be greatly missed. God Bless Janet and all affected by her passing away. Love to my family.

Sharon Carlson - January 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

Tony and Angie Heilman - January 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dianne -
I was so sad to read your message of your mother's passing.
Your memories of her will keep you going.
Hugs my friend.

Jana Loken - January 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ So very sorry to hear of your loss. A Memorial will be given to the Warm Hearts Fund at the Centerville United Church of Christ, as your Mom will always be a warm memory in our hearts.

Some where in the boxes of photos I got when we cleared out Mom's house, is a photo of your mom & mine dressed for Halloween at the Good Sam. where they worked together for many years.

May you and your family find comfort knowing that she is now in heaven and we will see our loved ones again one day and that others share your sorrow.

Randy & Debra (Minkel)Petersen - January 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike & Peggy Bruns - January 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I am so sorry for your loss Janet was a great lady I took care of her when I worked for Home care services prayers are with the family....

Janelle Gregoire - January 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

YS

“ So sorry to hear of your mother's passing, know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Yvonne Severson

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