



## Ruth Surdez

September 18, 1919 - April 1, 2014

Ruth Surdez, 94, of Spearfish, SD passed away on April 1, 2014 at the DavidMDorsetHealthcareCenter.

Ruth Odland was born on a farm near Davis, SD, on September 18, 1919, the daughter of Ole A. and Andrina Odland. Ruth was the youngest of five children that included Olaf, Noble, Art and Emma. The family moved to Tea, SD where Ruth attended rural school and grew to womanhood. On December 11, 1941, Ruth married Cecil E. Surdez in Lincoln, NE. After a short honeymoon, the couple took up residence in Marion, SD. The couple remained there for nearly 20 years before moving to the family farm southeast of Lennox. On August 22, 1948, they welcomed their only child, Russell. After the loss of her husband, Ruth moved to Wyoming and later to Spearfish. Ruth lived independently until she was 94 years old when she moved to assisted living until the time of her death. Ruth was and active member of WestPrairieLutheranChurch where she belonged to WELCA. She was avid Bingo player and made weekly trips to town to play. Ruth wa preceded in death by her parents,her husband her siblingsand great-grandchildren Andrew Jorgensen and Francine Jack. Grateful for having shared her life are her son Russell (Minnie) Surdez, Spearfish; six grandchildren: Wendy (Lance) Jorgensen, Dewitt, IA, Todd (Mala) Surdez, Pierre, SD, Tracy (Todd) Vik, Canton, SD, Shannon Surdez, Rapid City, SD, Tigh (Kristin) Surdez, Richfield, MN, and Ashley Surdez, Minneapolis, MN; eleven great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends. Graveside services will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Monday, April 21, 2014 at West Prairie Lutheran Cemetery, rural Lennox, SD  
with a fellowship time to follow at the church.