



Velma Fern Ritz

October 1, 1919 - February 16, 2014

Velma Fern Ritz, 94, died on Sunday, February 16, 2014 at Edgewood Vista in Grand Island.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00pm on Thursday, February 20, 2014, at Douglas Grove Cemetery, west of Comstock, NE. Dan Naranjo will be officiating. At Velma's request there will be no public visitation. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Velma was born on October 1, 1919 in Comstock, NE, the daughter of Hazel (Hoffman) and Ernie Saunders. Velma attended school in Comstock and Arcadia and graduated in 1936 from Arcadia High School. She attended Kearney College and received a Normal Training Certificate for teaching and taught in rural schools for several years.

Velma and Louis Ritz were married on March 11, 1943 in Broken Bow. Three children were born; Kay, Chuck and Cindy.

After her marriage to Louis they farmed in the Arcadia area and later moved into Arcadia where they had their own business. In 1954 they purchased a farm south of Comstock. Velma enjoyed attending her children and grandchildren events, flowers and gardening always canning a lot of produce. Favorite pastimes included making afghans and cross stitching for family and

friends and playing pitch. She always had a good time at the Comstock Den visiting with friends.

Louis died September 2, 1984. In 1990 Velma sold the farm and moved into Comstock. There she had a big garden and yard which brought her a lot of pleasure. She had been a member of the Comstock Legion Auxiliary since 1972.

In 2010 she moved to Edgewood Vista in Grand Island where she spent the remainder of her life. The family would like to acknowledge the excellent care given to her while living there.

Velma was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sisters, Virginia Elliot and Lydia Owens.

Those left to cherish her memory are two daughters, Kay (Dean) Schuchman, and Cindy (John) Ogle of Grand Island; a son, Louis C. (Cynthia) Ritz of Comstock; grandsons, Colby and Justin Ritz of Comstock; a niece, Karen Elliott of Sidney; Nephews Robert Owens of O'Neill and Michael Owens of Aurora.

Memorials may be made to the Comstock Senior Center, Comstock Rural Fire Department, or the Comstock American Legion Auxiliary Unit 220.

Previous Events

Burial

FEB **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Douglas Grove Cemetery
Comstock, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Velma Fern Ritz*

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“ *Thank You for sharing your mom with us, I loved her so much she always made me smile know matter what kinda mood she was in. I always loved when she stayed up late and always said "is there something I can help you with dear" and at night I would say we are good friends and she would say yes we are. you are all in my thoughts and I hope you find comfort knowing she is in a better place.*



Rachel Alcorta Morrow - February 18, 2014 at 12:48 PM



Rachel, thank you for everything you did for Mom. I know she always thought a lot of you. Sorry you had to leave. Take care and again thanks--you're an angel. Kay

Kay Schuchman - February 18, 2014 at 08:49 PM