



Martha Clara Cornelius

July 23, 1916 - March 5, 2010

Martha Clara, daughter of Ellenora and Herman Ritter, was born five miles southeast of Alva on July 23, 1916. She passed away at the Alva Share Convalescent Home on March 5, 2010 at the age of 93 years, 7 months and 13 days.

She attended the Lutheran Elementary School and graduated from Northwestern High School.

Miss Ritter was married to Ralph G. Cornelius, who was a flight officer in WWII, and they lived in various places. To their marriage, a son Gary Lynn, was born in 1946. After his discharge he taught physical education and later was principal. On June 28, 1967 Ralph passed away in an airplane accident.

Following his death, she moved back to Alva and worked as a charge nurse at the Convalescent Center for several years before she retired.

Mrs. Cornelius was a member of the Alva Zion Lutheran Church and was baptized on August 13, 1916 and was confirmed in 1930.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Emma, Tillie and Acellia; two brothers, Albert and Walter.

Martha is survived by her son Gary and his wife Agnes, of Saranac, New York; three granddaughters, Evelyn Cornelius, Clara Escajeda and Regina Modelle and two great grandchildren, Allasandra Demicco Cornelius and Aleese-Gushlaw.

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VW

“ *Martha was a very neat lady. She was so happy when a church group took her a flower and balloon bouquet for Valentine's Day at the Homestead. She enjoyed our visit so much. Our deepest sympathy goes to her family.*

Virgil and Lavon Wiersig - March 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Martha was not only a beautiful lady, but was nice & friendly. I enjoyed visiting with her on occassion.*

Jewel LeDou - March 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *I am so glad that we got to spend Martha's last time with us at the Home. I worked with her back in those days when she worked the night shift and I will never forget her. She was such a wonderful caring person who gave all she had.*

Jane Gaskill

Jane Gaskill - March 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM