

Remembering the Life of Louise

Louise was born July 30, 1915 in Callahan Township, Renville County, to Sam and Hester (Lewis) Swift. She attended Callahan School #1 and graduated from Carpio High School. She helped her parents on the farm milking cows and other various farm chores.

She was united in marriage to Albin Vaagen October 20, 1939 at her parent's home. They farmed in Callahan Township until moving to Albin's grandfather's farm in Plain Township, Renville County. Albin died in 1968.

Louise farmed with her brother-in-law, Joseph Vaagen, for several years. Louise cared for Joseph for four years before his death in 1993. She resided at the Baptist Home in Kenmare since September of 2007.

Louise was a member of Carpio Lutheran Church, the WELCA and taught Sunday School for many years. She was a member of the Carpio Senior Citizens. Although Louise had no children of her own, she touched the lives of many children through her loving and caring personality. She was an avid volunteer helping with ceramics and needlework for the Trinity Hospital Auxiliary.

God hath not promised
skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
all our lives through;
God hath not promised
sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
peace without pain

But God hath promised
strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
light for the way
Grace for the trials,
help from above,
Unfailing sympathy
Undying love.



Louise Vaagen

DATE OF BIRTH
July 30, 1915
Callahan Township, Renville County

DATE OF DEATH
September 30, 2008
Kenmare, North Dakota

Ninety-three years and two months

FUNERAL SERVICE

Carpio Lutheran Church
Carpio, North Dakota

Friday—October 3, 2008—11:00 a.m.

CLERGY

Reverend Kevin Beard

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Eccl. 3:1-8, Psalm 23, Romans 1:16-17, John 3:16-21

MUSIC

Congregational Hymns: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
and *How Great Thou Art*

Debbie Johnson, Soloist, to offer, *I Know Who Holds Tomorrow*
and *In the Garden*

Colleen Peterson—Organist

CASKETBEARERS

Loren Guidinger
Fred McDowell

Darrel Peterson
Curtis Rostad

Donald Peterson
Maynard Anderson

INTERMENT

Nazareth Cemetery
Rural Carpio, North Dakota

FAMILY

Nieces and Nephews, Jim Swift, Carpio, ND;

Ann (Dale) Marks, Ypsilanti, ND; Darrel (Mary) Helseth, and
Bruce Helseth, both Carpio, ND; Donna (Jerry) Schimetz, Billings, MT;
Gordon Vaagen, Minot, ND; Janice Hjort, Valley Center, CA;
Jo Ann Speer, Ralston, WY; Jean (Bob) Logan, Wisconsin Dells, WI;
John (Danielle) Krogstad, Valencia, CA; Mary (John) Whaley, Fargo, ND;
Brother-in-Law, Russ Krogstad, Fargo, ND

Cousins, Irene Lewis, Kenmare, ND;

Gordon Lewis and Evelyn Clouse, both Carpio, ND

Louise was preceded in death by her Parents, Husband,
and Brother, Elwin Swift.

Following the graveside service, you are invited to gather in the
fellowship hall of the church for a time of fellowship and lunch.
Please share your memories of Louise with us and one another.