Virginia *Farstead* "Ginny" Erickson

January 28, 1929 – March 2, 2015



Virginia "Ginny" Erickson, 86, went to her eternal rest on Monday, March 2nd.

At the age of 3, Ginny contracted spinal meningitis and polio resulting in her deafness. She attended the South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD) until graduation in 1947. After graduation from SDSD she then moved to Minneapolis to attend business school and it is there where she met the love of her life, Delbert "Erick" Erickson, a teacher at the Minnesota School for the Deaf (now known as the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf), at a homecoming football game. Ginny and Delbert were married the next fall. She worked most of her life as a keypunch operator until moving back to Sioux Falls where she became a dorm counselor for the junior and senior high girls at her alma mater, a job she loved and cherished very much.





Virginia and Delbert spent their married life in Sioux Falls; Minneapolis; Omaha; Rochester, NY; and Lanham, Maryland; before settling in Sioux Falls for much of their retirement living just across the street from her parents. They spent their final time together at the Columbus Colony in Ohio. Delbert passed away in 2001 and after his death; Ginny spent the next fourteen years at the Columbus Colony living near her oldest daughter, Cheryl and family. She moved to Lawrence, Kansas last November, where she spent her last months in the living care of her granddaughter, Zoe and her family, spending each day with her greatest delight – her great granddaughters.

The Ericksons raised four children and were proud grandparents of nine grandchildren and three great-granddaughters. Ginny had the joy of loving and being loved by so many of her extended family. The incredible thing about her is that she could take in all of that love, focus the attention and return it in abundance to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family and friends.



Ginny was a member of the South Dakota Association (SDAD) for 32 years. With prayerful sympathy, SDAD members and members of the general Deaf community express their thoughts of comfort and support to those who were very close to Ginny. May she forever rest in peace.