

Alpha Marie Hills, 88, passed away Thursday morning, June 11, 2009, in a Minot medical center. Formerly of Granville and more recently of Williston; Mrs. Hills had been a resident of Bethel Lutheran Home since December of 2005.

Alpha Marie Lovro was born on December 9, 1920 at Bonetrail, ND to Hans and Oline (Haseth) Lovro. On December 20th of that year, she was baptized into the Lutheran Faith. She was confirmed Lutheran at Scandia Lutheran Church on September 17, 1933. She completed grade school at Scandanavia No 43 School (Williams County) in a class of five students. Her family moved to the Granville area to escape the dry conditions. Alpha was always a good speller. She taught herself to type while employed at Northwest Medical Clinic in Minot. She also worked at the City Bakery in Minot. She then met Lyle Hills who had just returned from the Navy. They were married on January 30, 1947. In April, they moved to a farm near Granville in Egg Creek Township, where they made their home for over 50 years. Lyle and Alpha were very interested in Soil Conservation. They were awarded the North McHenry County Soil Conservation Award.



She was a member of the First Lutheran Church of Granville and the Ladies Aid. She was a longtime member of the Alfalfameade Homemaker's Club. Alpha also was actively involved in 4-H, and was a leader of the Egg Creek Girls club for 8 years. For many years, she served as treasurer of Egg Creek Township.

Alpha enjoyed cooking, sewing, crocheting, quilting, canning and especially gardening. One summer she planted 165 gladiolus bulbs. She also enjoyed her walks and farm living. In later years, Lyle and Alpha spent the winters in Minot. Lyle passed away in December of 1997.

In November of 1999, she moved next door to her daughter in Williston. During the summer, she particularly liked going to the concerts in the park and working in her flower beds. While in Williston, she attended Our Redeemers' Lutheran Church. She made cards at the Williston Heritage Senior Center.

Alpha was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister. Family was very important to her. She will be dearly missed.

**Alpha is the mother of** daughters, Linda (Loren) Haugen, Williston, LeRae (Thomas) Schnickel, Littleton, CO; son, Larry (Kristine) Hills, Fairfax, MN; grandchildren, Luke and Santiago Schnickel, Littleton, CO, Hannah Hills, Fairfax, MN, Heidi (Jason) Ulland, Williston, Dr. Mark (Kelli) Haugen, Walla Walla, WA, and Lori Haugen, Portland, OR; great-grandchildren, Ashly and Aric Ulland, Williston, Ethan, Samuel, Sophia, and Lilly Haugen, Walla Walla, WA; sisters, Mabel Hoff, Williston, Helga Cross, Granville, and Olga (Ingvald) Odland, Velva; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle; granddaughter, Grace Maria Hills; brother, Justin Lovro; and parents, Hans and Oline Lovro.



*In Loving Memory  
Of  
Alpha M. Hills  
1920-2009*

