



Emma Schmalz was born June 16, 1918, the daughter of Nickolus and Barbara (Stroh) Schmalz in Kandel, Kries, Odessa, Russia. She was raised on a farm.

Emma was married to Wendelin Rieger September 25, 1939, in Kandel, Kries, Odessa, Russia. She fled to Germany with her two children during WWII. In 1945, she was reunited with her husband in Germany. In March of 1952, she and her family immigrated to Linton, ND. In April of that same year, they moved to Minot, ND. She worked as a laundress at Minot Steam Laundry for several years before retiring in 1964. Wendelin passed away September 19, 2002. Following her husband's death, she continued to reside in Minot.

She was a member of St. Leo's Catholic Church, Minot.

She enjoyed gardening, sewing, knitting, crocheting and playing cards with her lady friends.

Surviving family includes: son, Bernhard (Elaine) Rieger, Thousand Oaks, CA; daughter, Frieda (Henry) Opitz, Spring Hill, FL; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several cousins who are living in Germany.

Emma was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Wendelin; son, William Rieger; daughter, Barbara Rieger.

Emma Rieger

Date and Place of Birth

June 16, 1918
Kandel, Kreis, Odessa, Russia

Date and Place of Death

January 15, 2008
Minot, North Dakota

Vigil Prayer Service

Thompson-Larson Funeral Home
Minot, North Dakota
Sun, Jan. 20, 2008- 7:00 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial

St. Leo's Catholic Church
Minot, North Dakota
Mon, Jan. 21, 2008- 10:30 a.m.

Service Participants

Father Joseph Senger - Celebrant of the Liturgies
Celeste Perdue – Reader

Music

Processional Hymn: "Nearer My God To Thee" #
Offertory: "Beautiful Savior"
Communion: "Ave Maria"
Commendation: "Song of Farewell"
Recessional Hymn: "On Eagle's Wings" #
Molly Hendrickson, Vocalist
Jeanne Artz, Organist

Honorary Bearers

Emma's family and friends

Final Resting Place

Rosehill Memorial Park Minot, North Dakota

Due to the inclement weather, the family would like you to know that it is not necessary for you join the procession to the cemetery. Please feel free to have a cup of coffee in the fellowship hall and the family will return and join you following the graveside service.

Our family would like to thank all of you for your many acts of kindness. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated during this most difficult time. May God bless the memory of Emma.

Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, Minot, North Dakota