

Happy 100th Birthday

Florence Gardner

Florence was born on January 25, 1919 in Iowa County. Her parents were William Heitshusen and Christine Trimpe. On February 23, 1919 she was baptized at Trinity Lutheran in Conroy by Pastor R.W. Kabelitz, sponsors were Adelheid Heitshusen and Maria Trimpe. Pastor E.F. Hempel confirmed Florence on April 9, 1933 at Trinity, Conroy.

Florence & Carl Gardner were married at St. Paul's on April 2, 1949 by Pastor Enno Schuelke. They joined St. Paul's in April 1949.

Florence was the oldest of four girls. Her sisters were Alice Heitshusen, Madora(Arnold) Jenson and Marcella(Virgil) Koehn.

Florence, Madora and Marcella were all married in 1949. She has 2 nephews Randy(Kathy) Koehn and Kurt(Susan) Koehn and Carl had 2 nieces, Janice(John) Cronin and Donna(Donald) Kirkpatrick.

Before she married, Florence helped dad with the farm work on the family farm. After Florence and Carl were married they helped her father for a year, before the parents moved to Williamsburg. Florence & Carl then farmed the home place until 1971. They then moved to Williamsburg, Carl volunteered for 30 hours shy of 10,000 hours at the Veteran's Hospital, Florence enjoyed helping people out when in need. She did many years of housecleaning, ironing and anything she was asked to do; as long as she could do it her way! She cleaned new homes for Tom Belland for many years. She helped where needed at church, serving funerals, lunches, cleaning, decorating the Christmas tree, etc. Florence was a member of The Altruistic Women's' Group and she and Carl were active members of The Fellowship Club. Florence's hobbies were playing cards, collecting horse and rabbit figurines. She also embroidered many tea towels and pillow cases which she gave to family and friends.

Carl passed away on September 12, 1983. She continued to live in their home, then several years later she moved to an apartment and now lives at Highland Ridge Care Center.

Florence is a great person and many people consider her a good friend.

Her family is planning a card shower for her birthday on January 25th. Please honor her with a card sent to:

Highland Ridge Care Center
100 Village View Circle
Williamsburg, Iowa 52361