

Remembering the life of....

Ruth Viestenz, 87, Arthur, ND died on Friday, Jan. 25, 2019 at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, ND.

Ruth Leona Schlenvogt was born on a farm near Mott, ND in Hettinger County to William and Leona Schlenvogt, on Feb. 26, 1931. She was the fifth child, with a deceased sister and three older brothers. She attended school in Mott, graduating with honors in 1949. As a young girl, she was active in 4H, Rainbow Girls and numerous church activities. She taught Sunday school and played piano for church. She attended NDSU in Fargo, ND for two years, where she met Howard Viestenz. They were married on June 24, 1951 in Mott, ND.

They made their home near Arthur, ND where they farmed for many years. She served as a 4H leader for 13 years. Her church was always a main stay in her life and she showed her faith by serving where it was necessary. She held a variety of offices in the women's organizations, sang in the choir and served on the church council at St. John Lutheran. While on the church council she served as president, being the first woman to hold that honor. Howard passed away in 1993 and she later moved into Arthur.

She is survived by Laura (Terry) Dakken, Hebron, ND, Dean (Cheryl) Viestenz, Fargo, Ray (Shelley) Viestenz, Eagan, MN, Diane (Dennis) Palowski, Fargo, Todd (Diane) Viestenz, Erie, ND; 14 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers, Orval, Warren and Glenn, grandchildren, Andrew Dakken, Daniel, Michael and Jason Viestenz and great grandchild, Christian Dakken.



IN LOVING MEMORY



Footprints

One night a man had a dream...
He was walking along the beach
with the Lord, and across the sky
flashed scenes from his life.
In each scene, he noticed two sets
of footprints in the sand;
one made by him, and the
other by the Lord.

When the last scene of his life
flashed before him, he looked at
the footprints in the sand,
and noticed that many times along the path of his life
there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed
that it happened at the worst times of his life.

This bothered him, so he asked the Lord about it.
“Lord, You said that once I decided to follow You,
You’d walk with me all the way.
But, I’ve noticed that during times of trouble
there is only one set of footprints.
I don’t understand why You left me when I needed You most.”

The Lord replied, “My precious child, I love you
and would never leave you... During your times of trouble
where you see only one set of footprints,
I was carrying you.”

Author Unknown



Celebrating the life of

RUTH VIESTENZ



FUNERAL SERVICE

St. John Lutheran Church

Arthur, North Dakota

Wednesday, January 30, 2019 - 10 a.m.

Officiant

The Rev. Trichelle Kirchenwitz

Music

Craig Olson, *soloist* “In The Garden”

Tammy Jo Taft, *organist*

Hymns: “The Old Rugged Cross”

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Pallbearers

Joshua Dakken

Travis Viestenz

Nicholas Viestenz

Chad Palowski

Adam Palowski

Justin Viestenz

Honorary Pallbearers

All of Ruth’s Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

Interment

Arthur Cemetery

Arthur, ND

The family wishes to express their appreciation for your kindness and support during this difficult time. Please join them for fellowship immediately following the burial.

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