

Ruth Stotz – Diploma 1947 Bismarck Hospital School of Nursing

The Stotz family is saddened to announce the passing of Ruth Arlene Swenson Stotz, 91, Bismarck, ND on December 21, 2016. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 27, at Bismarck Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Giese officiating.

Visitation will be Monday, December 26, from 4 – 6 p.m. at Bismarck Funeral Home with a prayer service at 6:00 p.m.

Ruth was born January 26, 1925 on a farmstead in Werner, ND to Hans and Emma Swenson (Halverson). She was raised on a farm near Halliday, ND. Ruth received her elementary education, educated by her sister and teacher Esther and later earned her high school diploma through correspondence. When Ruth moved to Bismarck in 1944 she became a member of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps where she earned her nursing degree from the Bismarck Evangelical Hospital School of Nursing and then became a registered nurse. She worked at the Bismarck Evangelical Hospital, now known as Sanford, and private nursing duty.

Ruth met her husband while she was his nurse and he was her patient. She was married to Raymond E. Stotz on June 19, 1947 in Bismarck until his passing in 2006. Together they had four sons: Ronald, Glenn Lyle and Wayne.

As a proud Norwegian, Ruth was a talented cook and baker and enjoyed spending time in the kitchen creating German meals for family and friends. She also loved spending time in her garden. She spent many days fishing and camping with her grandsons, spending quality time with her grandchildren, sewing and stitching, compiling photo albums of her family. Family, faith, hard work, and healthy living was of most importance to her.

She is survived by her sons, Ronald (Ann) and Wayne; daughter-in-law, Diane; grandchildren: Ronald Jr, Robert, Chad, Cory, Christopher; and great-grandchildren: Kelsey, Sterlyng, Rylee, Mason, Ethan, Cayde, Andrew, and Matthew.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband Raymond, two sons Glenn and Lyle, brothers and sisters Esther, Sanford, Olive, Inez, Alice, Henry and Irvin. (Bismarck Funeral Home)