



DON'T BE SAD

*Don't be sad and lonely,
Because I've gone away.*

*Think about me only,
When it's a brighter day.*

*Don't waste your time crying,
Since I'm no longer here.*

*You have spent enough time,
Showing me that you care.*

*Wipe away your sadness,
For tears won't bring relief.*

*Cherish the memories,
Forget about your grief.
If I could be with you,
That is where I would be,
But I have no power,
To change life's destiny.*

*So try to be happy,
Don't mourn your life away,
For we'll be together,
At the end of life's day.*

Velma Carlson, 91, of Sioux Falls and formerly of Lebanon, passed away Monday, May 6, 2013 at the Good Samaritan Village in Sioux Falls.

Visitation was from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Friday, May 10, 2013, at Luce Funeral Home, Gettysburg. Burial was at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 11, 2013, in the Lebanon Cemetery, Lebanon, South Dakota with Rev. Jeff Adel presiding.

Velma Rodman was born to Joe and Blanche (Rawstern) Rodman on a farm northeast of Hitchcock on October 30, 1921. The Rodmans moved their family into Hitchcock and then to Wolsey, where Velma graduated from high school in 1939. Velma moved to Huron with her mother and siblings in 1941.

Velma married Clarence Carlson on March 1, 1945. Their marriage began during Clarence's enlistment in the Air Force during WWII, where she accompanied him to various bases where he was stationed.

They moved to a farm south of Lebanon in 1953 where they farmed for three years. In 1956 they moved into Lebanon. Velma worked for Inez Voight's grocery store there for five years. After that she was employed at Jim Cameron's grocery store in Gettysburg until her retirement. Clarence and Velma resided in Lebanon until their move to Sioux Falls in 2008.

Velma is survived by three sons: Randy (Cora) of Sandy, Utah; Douglas (Patty) of Maple Grove, Minnesota; and Larry (Ev) of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; eight grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and one sister-in-law, Marlene Rodman of Olathe, Kansas.

Preceding Velma in death were her husband in 2009, parents, two brothers, three sisters (including her twin, Thelma), an infant brother and an infant sister.



In Loving Memory



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