



Thekla Anna Rasmussen

March 7, 1917 - July 11, 2011

THEKLA ANNA (RUSSERT) RASMUSSEN Thekla Anna Rasmussen, 94, passed away July 11, 2011. Thekla was born March 7, 1917 in Augsburg, Ontario, Canada, the second child of Rev. Martin and Frieda Russert. She was preceded in death by her husband Frank G. Rasmussen, Sr. who died November 28, 1985, and three brothers and one sister. Thekla lived in Dubuque, Iowa for 17 years and graduated from Dubuque High School. After graduation she moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin where she worked for several years. It was there she met and married her husband Frank. They celebrated over 45 years of marriage. Employment and career advancements saw the family move to Yakima and Richland, Washington; St Helens, Oregon; Los Angeles, Palo Alto, California, and Beaverton, Oregon. She was a devout and faithful member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Beaverton for over 35 years. She taught Sunday school, served in the Ladies Guild and participated in numerous church activities. In 2005 she became a resident at Friendsview Retirement Community in Newberg, Oregon. Thekla loved gardening, travel, photography, embroidery work, and hooking rugs. Most of all, she enjoyed making her house a home for family and friends. She is survived by three children: Frank G. Rasmussen (Beverly), Newberg, OR; Rev. John A. Rasmussen (Carmella), Cheyenne, WY; and Susan Sinclair (Pat Langner), Lake Oswego, OR.; brothers Rev. Arlyn A. Russert, Rev. Martín L. Russert and sister Alice E. Stubner; One granddaughter Sherry Beckmann, and eight grandsons, Frank Rasmussen III (Jeanene), Greg Rasmussen, Rob Sinclair,

Chris Sinclair (Laura) Leif Rasmussen (Rhonda), Erik Rasmussen, Dane Rasmussen (Valerie), Thor Rasmussen (Jennifer); eight great- grandchildren; Adam, Jacob, Derek, Emilie, Pauline, Catie, Brock and Braden survive her. Funeral services will be held at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 5650 SW Hall Blvd in Beaverton on July 19, 2011 at 11:00 AM. Viewing will be held at Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel on July 18th, 10:AM to 5:30 PM. Memorials may be given to Pilgrim Lutheran Church and School.