

**Frances Klein, 92**

**Dec. 11, 1921 - Sept. 27, 2014**

**ELK HORN** — Frances

Sophie Margaret "Tootie", daughter of Frank and Minnie (Hansen) Berst, was born December 11, 1921 on a farm near Cushing, NE. Tootie attended country school near her home and graduated from Cushing High School with the Class of 1939.



Francis helped her dad on the farm until her marriage the next year on December 11, 1940 to Clarence Klein at St. Paul, NE. They made their home on a farm near Cushing and were the parents of two children. Eighteen years later, in 1958 they moved to Elk Horn where Clarence had a job at the church. Tootie worked at Salem Lutheran Homes from 1959 to 1967. She was a member of Salem Lutheran Church and served as secretary there until her retirement. She was a Sunday School teacher, active in Ladies Circle and Bible Study Group and helped with the Bloodmobile, serving as chair for several years. In her spare time Frances enjoyed reading and helping others in any way she was needed. In 2007 Clarence and Tootie were honored by being crowned King and Queen of Tivoli Fest in Elk Horn. When her health began to fail, Tootie became a resident of Salem Lutheran Home

in Elk Horn in the fall of 2009. Her husband died March 9, 2014. Tootie died about six months later on Saturday, September 27, 2014, several days after suffering a stroke. She was 92 years, 9 months and 16 days of age.

Preceding Frances in death are her husband of 72 years Clarence; parents; sister Florence (Wayne) Williams; and two nephews Jesse and Robert Berst. Tootie is survived by her two children Larry (Nancy) Klein of Harlan and Faye (Jerry) Nelsen of Anita; four grandchildren: Tracey Klein of Harlan, Marcy (Eddie) Paden of Syracuse, NE, Lori (Wade) Forsberg of Thief River Falls, MN and Sheri (Jon) Bernard of Kingwood, TX; eight great-grandchildren: Michael, Taylor and Marcus Klein; Mackayla and Cody Bernard; Hunter and Sydney Paden; and Jadeann Forsberg; three step great-grandchildren: Jessika, Brittney and Cassidy Forsberg; one step great-great-grandson Hunter; brother Dale Berst of St Paul, NE; sister in law Vera (Allen) Stedman of Wilderville OR; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 1, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church, Elk Horn with Reverend Keith Menter officiating. Musical selections were "How Great Thou Art" by the Congregation, "In The Garden" and "The Lord's Prayer" by Pastor Menter with Nancy Watson accompanist. Casket bearers were Tracy Klein, Eddie Paden, Hunter Paden, Wade Forsberg, Michael Klein, and John Bernard. Honorary casket bearers were Marcy Paden, Lori Forsberg, Sheri Bernard, Taylor Klein, Sydney Paden, Mackayla Bernard, Jadeann Forsberg, Marcus Klein, Cody Bernard, Jessika Forsberg, Brittney Forsberg, and Cassidy Forsberg. Interment was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery, Elk Horn.

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