

## Lula Hodnefield, 101

Aug. 6, 1911 - Dec. 20, 2012

**LAKEFIELD, MN** — Lula Regina Nelson was born on August 6, 1911 in Irwin to Tom and Inger (Thompson) Nelson. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. She committed her life to Christ at an Oscar Knutson Evangelistic Meeting and she faithfully followed her Saviour until he took her home. She attended elementary school at Danway Country School in Shelby County. During her 8th grade year she had to quit school to care for her mother for 7 ½ years who had suffered a stroke. After her mother's passing she continued to keep house for her father and brother.



Lula was united in marriage to Lewis Hodnefield on July 14, 1954. She moved to the family farm in Hunter Township and they lived there until 1957 when Lewis retired and they moved into Lakefield. Lewis passed away on July 18, 1971. At that time Lula got her driver's license and she made many trips alone to Shelby County to visit family and friends. She enjoyed traveling by train, car and plane to Arizona to visit Milan and Arleen and their family. She also enjoyed babysitting and making kringla and cookies for the children. Lula continued to live in her home until she fractured her hip and then became a resident of Colonial Manor Nursing Home in March of 2009. Lula passed away at Colonial Manor Nursing Home on December 20, 2012 at the age of 101 years, four months, and fifteen days. Lula attended church with her stepsons at First Baptist in Jackson and First Covenant in Worthington after the closing of The Stall Church where she was active in attending Sunday Worship Services, Ladies Aid & special services. Whenever it was time to clean the church she was always there with her cleaning supplies. Lula was an excellent cook and baker, apple pie and kringla being her specialties. In her time at Colonial Manor Lula loved to watch the birds. When her family came to visit her they would often find her at the aviary. Lula's family will always remember her as a hard worker and a very devoted Christian. She faithfully read her Bible and prayed for family and friends by name and also 'the sick, the sorrowing, and the dying'.

Lula is preceded in death by her husband Lewis, her parents, four sisters, four brothers, and one grandson, Bradley Nelson. She is survived by one son, Milan "Whitey" (Arleen) Nelson of Phoenix, AZ, two step-sons Dwaine (Gertrude) Hodnefield, and Donald (Judy) Hodnefield all of Lakefield, MN, ten grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, 24 great-great grandchildren, and 11 great-great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by one sister-in-law Lillian Nelson of Spicer, MN and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Osterberg-Hansen Funeral Chapel at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 26, 2012 with Pastor Steve Dekok officiating. Organist was Mary Koob. Casket bearers were Lula's great grandchildren. Interment was in the Lakefield City Cemetery, Lakefield, MN.

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Funeral Service***

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