



Vida C. Kiersten

March 14, 1918 - May 29, 2016

Vida C. Kiersten, 98, of Fond du Lac, died Sunday, May 29, 2016, at Marvin's Manor, Brandon. She was born on March 14, 1918, in the Town of Byron, on the family homestead, a daughter of Amos E. and Vida S. Cowles Sampson. She married John Summers on May 7, 1936. On April 6, 1964, she married Anton H. Kiersten in Dubuque, Iowa. He preceded her in death on October 30, 1992. Vida worked at the Fond du Lac Lutheran Home for six years, while her husband, Anton, was ill. She was a caring, loving mother and homemaker. She enjoyed photography and staying at various destinations while traveling. She was a member of Covenant United Methodist Church and the Golden Years Club. She is survived by three children: Carol Oppermann of Waupun, Jean (Roger) Schmidt of West Bend, and Bonnie (Edward) Gruen of Eldorado; 24 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; 18 great-great-grandchildren; two daughters-in-law: Barbara Summers of Florida and Cheryl Summers of California; one step daughter: Lorraine Crabb of Fond du Lac; a step-daughter-in-law: Phyllis Kiersten of Sun Prairie; and a sister-in-law, Bernice Sampson of North Fond du Lac; and many step grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, and step-great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Anton; two sons: Neil and John Summers; a son-in-law, Barnard Oppermann; a stepson: Robert Kiersten; a great-grandson, Matthew Hoddell; a step-great-grandson, Mark Nieto; a great-great-granddaughter, Ava; a great-great-grandson, Arthur Oppermann; two brothers: Cliff (Avis) and Merwin Sampson; and a sister, Elta (Robert)

Mingus.VISITATION: The visitation will be from 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2016, at Covenant United Methodist Church, 20 North Marr Street, Fond du Lac.SERVICE: The funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday at church with Rev. Michael Morning officiating.Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Oakfield.

Tribute Wall



“ Children surrounded her as if she were the "Pied Piper". She giggled along with them and had the time of her life! She shared and cared for everyone....Daughter Jean Schmidt, West Bend, Wisconsin

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“ As children, the nickname we gave Grandma Vida was "pretty grandma".

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