

Ruby Eve Chernenko, 89, was called home to be with our Lord and Savior, February 14, 2019. She was born July 14, 1929 to Theodore and Dorothea (Frei) Witt in Halliday, ND. After living in Elbowoods for a few years, the family moved to Grassy Butte as the construction of the Garrison Dam flooded Elbowoods. On June 5th, 1952 she married Alec Chernenko, the love her life. He was quite literally "the boy next door." They were married for 42 years and had 3 children: Ronald, Denise, and Shirley. She was a fiercely independent woman and taught all of us to be the same. She was always one to lend a hand and would teach anyone who wanted to learn. Except for the pickles. She tried to teach us... they never turned out for us.

Alec and Ruby loved to dance, fish, and spend time with friends and family. There were many games of cards played at the kitchen table. One of Ruby's favorite games was cribbage. If you didn't count your points, she would make sure she took them. However, if you took her points, you welcomed that friendly punch to the arm and "HEY NOW!" In June 2015 she out fished a boat full of family and friends when landing the infamous "big," also known as the 8 pound walleye! She was so excited and kept saying "I can't believe it!" It was the biggest fish she ever caught. Among her other many talents were gardening, quilting, and baking. One of her Juneberry pies once sold for \$300! Jokingly dubbed the "Cabbage Queen of Grassy Butte" it wasn't unheard of for her to grow 10-15 pound cabbages! One summer day, Ruby was working in her beloved garden. From the top of the hill, Shirley noticed that Ruby unknowingly planted her corn rows in the shape of a cross.

Ruby gave to everyone she knew. She gave her time, her love, and many homemade goods. She grew enough produce to feed the neighbors, quilted enough to keep everyone warm, and loved her family like none other. Her quilts, afghans, and doilies have been gifted among many family members and friends. Heaven has certainly gained an Angel.

Ruby leaves behind: one sister, Linda Watson, Mesa, AZ; a son, Ronald Chernenko (Colleen Rask) Grassy Butte, ND; two daughters, Denise Tibbs (Harold Hugelen) Belfield, ND, and Shirley Pennington (Jerry) New Town, ND; five grandchildren, Andrea Enderle (Norman) Keene, ND, Ryan Pennington, Seattle, WA, Michele Pennington, New Town, ND, Kyle Chernenko (Karley), Grassy Butte, ND, and Darren Chernenko (Desirae Feland), Bismarck, ND; four Great-Grandchildren, Jacob and Madison Enderle, Mia and Finley Chernenko; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Ruby is preceded in death by: her parents Theodore and Dorothea Witt; husband Alec Chernenko; sister Esther; brothers Raymond and his wife Delores, Edwin and his wife Jeanette, Elton and his wife Virginia, Gene; and daughter-in-law Kathy Chernenko.

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GARDEN



In Loving Memory Of



Ruby Eve Chernenko
July 14, 1929 - February 14, 2019

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Ruby Eve Chernenko

Born

July 14, 1929 ~ Halliday, North Dakota

Passed away

February 14, 2019 ~ Minot, North Dakota

Services

11:00am, Friday, February 22, 2019

First Lutheran Church

Watford City, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Robert Schmidt

Music

Pam Haugan

Casketbearers

Kyle Chernenko

Darren Chernenko

Ryan Pennington

Norman Enderle

Terry Watson

Lynn Dewhirst

Honorary Casketbearers

All of Ruby's Friends & Family

Ushers

Ron Frei

Jim Pojorlie

Final Resting Place

Grassy Butte Cemetery ~ Grassy Butte, ND

*Luncheon to follow the burial at the
Grassy Butte Community Center.*

*A limb has fallen
from the family tree.*

I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me."

*Remember the best times,
the laughter, the song.*

The good life I lived while I was strong.

Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.

*Keep smiling and surely
the sun will shine through.*

My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.

Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.

Continue traditions, no matter how small.

Go on with your life, don't worry about falls.

I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.

*Until the day comes
we're together again.*

