



Lois Arusell

July 22, 1922 - January 1, 2015

Lois Arusell passed away on January 1, 2015, age 92, at Eventide Nursing Home, Moorhead, MN. Services will be held at 11:00 am Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at Steele United Methodist Church, Steele, ND, with Rev. Steve Behrens officiating. Visitation will be held from 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm Monday, January 5, at the Eastgate-Steele Memorial Chapel in Steele, ND. She was born July 22, 1922, the youngest of ten children to Wesley F. and Lillie M. Nicholson. Lois grew up on a farm 11 miles south of Dawson and graduated valedictorian from Dawson High School in 1940. She attended Jamestown College for one year and then began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse west of Steele. Lois finished her college degree going to summer school at Valley City State College. She taught school for 43 years in Kidder County. The last 34 years were spent at Steele, retiring as elementary principal in 1985. Her hobbies included sewing, knitting and quilting. She was active in local PTA, Steele United Methodist Church, Dawson Homemakers, and several senior citizen groups, often serving as an officer. Lois is survived by her son, Robert Janelle Sanda Arusell, Fargo, ND; and 19 nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her husband Elden; nine siblings; and her parents.

Tribute Wall

GH

“ My thoughts and light are sent to you in this difficult time. Memories are our best tool to navigate through our sorrow, I hope you have many fond memories of your mother and family together. over the years.

Glen Hyland - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Lois was a special lady and will be missed by many. She left her mark on all who knew her. Harold and I got to know both Elden and Lois during our teaching years in Steele. Made good memories in their company. My sympathies to Bob and family.

Lou Foley - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ I enjoyed living in Steele from 1963 to 1967, I remember this great lady. My sympathies' to son Robert and his wife and all family members. I am a big fan of the one room country school house and I salute this Pioneer who began her teaching at one west of Steele. I send my respect for this Ladies career as an educator. Fond memories of Steele, ND.

Gregory Schwartzwalter - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ My first teaching job was at Steele from 1980 to 1982 and Lois was elementary principal then. I was also a Jamestown College grad. That first year, for Christmas, she gave all of us teachers a Ginzu-type kitchen knife which I still use today. I do think of her every time I use it. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

Miki Tanner-Bendickson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ We were so very sorry to read of Lois's passing. She a very special lady with a special place in my life. She was my third grade teacher and then years later she was the elementary principal when I began teaching in Steele. We enjoyed her visits whenever we came into contact. We are in Arizona now, so will be unable to attend the service. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you all.

John and Ardyce Argent - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM