



Margaret A. Bates

May 19, 1918 - November 15, 2013

Sutton resident Margaret Anita (Goesch) Bates, 95, died Friday, November 15, 2013, at the Sutton Community Home in Sutton, NE.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 23, 2013, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sutton, NE with Rev. Judy Nuss officiating. Private family interment will follow the service at the Sutton Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the donor's choice.

Margaret Anita (Goesch) Bates, daughter of Frank W. and Theresia E. Heinz Goesch, was born May 19, 1918, in Momence Township, Fillmore County, Nebraska. She was baptized and confirmed in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sutton, Nebraska. On June 1, 1938, she was married to Donald C. Bates.

For the most of her life Margaret was a homemaker. She lived in California for 35 years where she operated a Licensed Child Care home and over the years cared for nearly 200 children. In 1972, Margaret and Donald returned to Sutton. Margaret worked several years in the kitchen at the Sutton School. Donald passed away on July 9, 1986. They were married for 49 ½ years. She moved to the Nolde Center in 1987, where she was active in all their

gatherings. Margaret was an important member at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church where she was active in Bible Studies, rarely missed Sunday Services, sang in the choir, taught Sunday School, and helped with the kitchen duties for special occasions as well as funeral services. After many years at the Nolde Center, Margaret moved to Hillcrest View Assisted Living facility and later into the Sutton Community Home.

She is survived by her brother, Billy and wife Alease of Quartz Hill, California; nieces, nephews, cousins, and many, many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Theresia Goesch; husband, Donald; brother, Gaylord Goesch; sister-in-law, Florence Goesch; and two infant sisters, Dorothy and Edith.

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“ *Dear Family, So sorry for this difficult time. Margaret was a very dear person. We have missed her at the recent cousin reunions. Sorry that due to health we are unable to attend the service on Saturday. Please know we will be thinking of you and pray that God Bless you all. Fondly with love, Ila Mae.*

Ila Mae (Frieden) Nelson - November 22, 2013 at 02:02 PM