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Vita Reeves, 90

July 31, 1911 – May 31, 2002

LEE'S SUMMIT, MO – Vita Louise Rasmussen Reeves, daughter of Hjelmar Peter Rasmussen and ErGena Caroline Simonsen Rasmussen, was born July 31, 1911, on the family farm near Adair. She was baptized Sept. 10, 1911, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton, and confirmed Aug. 29, 1926, at The Evangelical Lutheran Church at Oakhill. She attended school in Kimballton.

Aug. 14, 1930, she married Russell Drexel Reeves at the First United Presbyterian Parsonage in Atlantic. To this union six children were born. They were former owners and operators of the Dairy Anne, The Dinner and The Daylight Donut Shop in Olathe, KS. She was a member of the Ward Parkway Lutheran Church, Kansas City, MO and the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. After Russell's death, Vita continued to reside in her home in Olathe, KS, until 1993, when she moved to the Westridge Apartments in Harlan, near her daughter, Mary Lou. September of 1996, she moved to Lee's Summit, MO and lived with her son, Maynard. In 1997, she moved to a retirement home in Kansas City, MO. Her final move was to The White Ridge Health Center, Lee's Summit, MO, where she resided until the time of her death. She died May 31, 2002, in Lee's Summit, MO, at age 90 years and 10 months.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Russell; her parents; two grandchildren, Eric and Jennifer Reeves; three sisters, Edel Curtis, Eva Bryan and Helga Andersen; and three brothers, Richard, Levi and Russell Rasmussen. Survivors include her six children, Betty Lee (Bill) Roseman, Sunrise Beach, MO; Mary Lou (Lynn) Andersen, Jacksonville; Maynard (Tana) Reeves, Lee's Summit, MO; Jim Reeves, Liberty, MO; Howard "Larry" (Sue) Reeves, Kansas City, KS; Charles (Karen) Reeves, Martinsville, IL; 13 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren; two sisters, Ema (Robert) Petersen, Council Bluffs and Beulah (Frank) Tucker, Jefferson; two sisters-in-law, Norma Rasmussen, Walnut and Benita Rasmussen, Atlantic; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 4, 2002, at The Park Lawn Funeral Home with burial at the Memorial Park Cemetery, Kansas City, MO. Casket bearers were her sons and sons-in-law.