



Grace Brouwer passed away on April 4, 2007. She was born on March 8, 1917 in Shepherd, Montana near Billings. Her parents were John and Stena (VanderVeen) Oostema.

In 1938, her family moved to Lynden, Washington where she married Jake Brouwer of Manhattan on November 18, 1938.

They moved back to the Manhattan area where they farmed for over forty years. Grace had just celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday when she was taken ill and passed away.

Grace was a loving and faithful wife and working companion in their farming years. She loved to garden and kept a wonderful home for her family. She was a lifelong member of the Christian Reformed Church and was involved in the Ladies Aide group. She enjoyed the fellowship of the Manhattan Senior Center. She wanted to serve the Lord with her life in all that she did. In their retirement years, Jake and Grace enjoyed traveling across the United States and Europe, but home and family were always most important. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jake, on May 6, 1996, and by a grandchild, Jewel Grace Brouwer.

Grace is survived by children Bill (Shirley) Brouwer of Everson, WA; Sharon (Cliff) Meirhofer of Manhattan; John (Rose) Brouwer of Churchill; and Rich (Jamie) Brouwer of Manhattan; twelve grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Also surviving are her brother, Jack (Sadie) Oostema of Churchill; sister, Jennie (Garret) Oppewall and brother, Sid (Leona) Oostema all of Lynden, WA; and brother, Albert (Henrietta) Oostema of Hudsonville, MI.

Interment in the Churchill Cemetery will be at 1 p.m. Monday, April 9, 2007. Memorial Services will follow at 2 p.m. at the Manhattan Christian Reformed Church. A time of fellowship and refreshments for family and friends, in the church fellowship hall, will follow the service. Memorials may be made to the Manhattan Christian School, 8000 Churchill Rd. Manhattan, MT 59741.