

Ida A. Bergeland

June 6, 1911 - August 6, 2005

Funeral service will be 1:00 PM August 9, 2005 at First Lutheran Church with interment at Hills of Rest Memorial Park. Visitation will begin at 12:00 PM. Born in Radcliffe, Iowa, June 6, 1911, to Olaus and Anna Rorem, she was graduated from Radcliffe High School, Waldorf Jr. College, Forest City IA, Augustana College, and the Univ. of MN School of Social Work.

She taught elementary school in Leland, Iowa, and served as the secretary to Superintendent of the Radcliffe Public Schools.

As a social worker, Ida was employed by Lutheran Social Service (LSS) agencies in Iowa, Wisconsin and South Dakota, specializing in child welfare services, retiring in 1975.

She and the Rev. Oliver Bergeland were married in 1950.

Moving to Sioux Falls, SD, in 1953, Ida was a social worker with LSS of South Dakota and Oliver its' executive director.

In that position she coordinated and worked in a number of services for adoptive parents, Native Americans, disadvantaged children and refugee services.

As a result of her outstanding service, she received numerous national, state and local awards. Among these:

The Humanitarian Award of the SD Human Services forum in 1974 & 1979 and the Augustana College Fellows' 125th Anniversary Regent's Award.

The former Bergeland Center for Seniors and the Bergeland Apartments were named in honor of Ida and Oliver for their services to the Sioux Falls community.

Her Christian faith motivated her life of service.

She was an advocate for children and all people, with a special interest in services to the American Indian peoples of South Dakota.

Her international concerns were focused in promoting the work of Bread for the World.

Ida wanted the best for all people and always saw their good qualities.

She loved her grandchildren, nephews and nieces, following their



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lives with close interest.

She was a member of:

First Lutheran Church; Augustana College Fellows; Augustana College Women's Auxiliary serving as President; Augustana College Alumni Council; and was a charter member of The National Association of Social Workers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers, three sisters and her husband, Oliver Bergeland who died in 1989.

She is survived by two sons:

Daniel (Marjorie Swanson) of Duluth, MN and John (Rachel Boogerd), Sioux Falls;

seven grandchildren: Steven Bergeland (Kay Nordin), Minnetonka, MN.,

Nathan Bergeland (Jillian Link), Eden Prairie, MN, Andrea Dwyer (James), Peachtree City, GA, Sondra Mowers (Richard), Duluth, MN,

John O. (Jamie Kieper) Bergeland, Centerville, MN, Heather (Darin) VanWell of Selby, SD., Jason Bergeland, Brooklyn Center, MN, and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Gifts of memorial may be given to Augustana College, First Lutheran Church, Waldorf College and Lutheran Social Services of SD, Bread of the World.