

*Remembered In Love*



*Emma Rau*

*February 12, 1918 - January 25, 2018*

For to me life is Christ, and death is gain...I long to depart this life and be with Christ for that is far better.

~ Philippians 1:18-23

Emma was born February 17, 1914 on the Schnabel family farm located west of Upham, North Dakota in McHenry County to Henry and Lydia (Mettler) Schnabel. She was educated in country schools and assisted her family with the operation of the farm as a child.

Emma was united in marriage to Emil Rau on October 10, 1935 in Upham, ND. They made their home southwest of Upham where they operated a family farm for the next thirty years.

They moved into the city of Upham in 1965. She was a member of Peace Reformed Church and the Upham Betterment Club, where she was an active volunteer of her time and talents for many years. Emil passed away in 1978. Emma moved to Minot in 2003. She became a member of Trinity Evangelical Free Church. In February 2012, she became a resident of Wellington Assisted Living facility where she lived for almost six years.

Emma was blessed with many talents for her active hands during her nearly 104 years of life. She was an accomplished seamstress, often making clothing for her children and grandchildren. She quilted for many years sharing the gift of warmth. She enjoyed ceramics, embroidery, crocheting, stenciling, looming, oil painting and making Christmas ornaments. She enjoyed playing scrabble and cards. For years she baked and decorated cakes and canned from the large gardens she planted. Emma will be missed by her family, friends and all who knew her, but we feel blessed to know she is with her mother, whom she lost at a young age, and her loving husband, Emil, our father and grandfather.

Emma is survived by her children, Viona Hanson, Minot; Eleanor Burgin, Redmond, WA; Arlene Bengtson, La Quinta, CA and Edgar Rau, La Quinta, CA; grandchildren, Raynor (Deb) Hanson, Charlene (Mike) Parkinson, Laura (Rick) Callaway, Pam Burgin, Candace Bengtson, Darcy Bengtson, Kevin (Kelly) Bengtson and Bradley Rau; great-grandchildren, Brenden (Jamie) Hanson, Dustin (Karmen) Hanson, Kason (Ashley) Hanson, Monika, Pawel and Natalia Parkinson, Jeremy (Emily) Callaway and Tyler (Shana) Callaway, Macy Nelson, Denni Bengtson, Brooklyn Bengtson and Sebastian (Crystal) Harmon; great-great grandchildren, Ethan, Madelyn and Cayden Hanson, Bradley Hanson and Weston Snell, Brailyn and Kaden Callaway, Tessa Callaway and Dax DelaBarre; nephews and nieces, and cousins.

Emma was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Emil, grandchildren, Darla Gay Burgin and Brian Mitchell Rau, daughter-in-law, Faye Rau-Oelrich, sons-in-law, Dennis Bengtson, Rolf Hanson and Shelby Burgin, twin infant brother and sister, and brother, Robert Schnabel.

# EMMA RAU

## DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

February 17, 1914  
Rural Upham, North Dakota

## DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH

January 25, 2018  
Minot, North Dakota

## CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF EMMA RAU

Trinity Evangelical Free Church  
Minot, North Dakota  
Thursday, February 1, 2018 ~ 2:00 p.m.

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS, SCRIPTURES & MUSIC

Reverend Phil Poe ~ Officiating Clergy  
Scripture Readings ~ Revelation 21:1-6, Psalm 23, John 14:1-6,  
I Thessalonians 4:13-18 and John 11:25-26  
Sherry Ritchie ~ Instrumentalist  
Hymns ~ "Moment By Moment" "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"  
& "Safe In The Arms of Jesus"

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Emma's family and friends

## CASKETBEARERS

Raynor Hanson  
Kevin Bengtson

Brenden Hanson  
Lloyd Rau

Dustin Hanson  
Murray Pfau

## INTERMENT

Peace Reformed Cemetery  
Upham, North Dakota  
Interment will be held later in 2018

Following the service there will be a time of fellowship and lunch in the church fellowship hall. All family and friends are cordially invited to attend.

The family would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your many acts of kindness. Your compassion and friendship will always be remembered and is greatly appreciated.

## THOMAS FAMILY FUNERAL HOME

Minot, North Dakota  
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## Psalm 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,  
from whence cometh my help,

My help cometh from the Lord,  
Which made heaven and earth.

The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord  
is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not scorch thee by day,  
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:  
He shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out  
and thy coming in from this time  
forth, and even for evermore.