

## Delores M. Epke

Delores Margaret (Hamling) Epke, age 91, passed away peacefully on December 30, 2019, at Cherry County Hospital in Valentine, Nebraska.

Delores was born December 12, 1928, to George and Anna Hamling at their farm in Todd County, South Dakota.

She attended grade school at Bristow School, started high school at Midway in Todd County and graduated from Mission, South Dakota in 1947. After high school she taught school at Bull Creek country school which was south of St. Francis, South Dakota. She then worked at a clothing store in Gregory, South Dakota, and while there she lived with her aunt and uncle. After leaving Gregory she moved to Mission and worked at the grocery store with her sister, Betty. During that time is when she met Robert. Delores and Robert married on January 17, 1951.

Delores and Robert lived north of Crookston on the original Epke farm for 36 years. During that time they held the Lakeview Threshing Bee at their place for six years, with the help of many family members and friends. Delores was very well known for her cooking. You knew when you went to her house you were going to be fed quite well. She was a second mom to all of her nieces and nephews. She never forgot a birthday.

Delores was preceded in death by her infant brother Norman; parents George and Anna; and her husband of 45 years, Robert.

She is survived by her sister Betty Johnson of Enumclaw, Washington; brother Ted (Irma) Hamling of Valentine, Nebraska; sister-in-law Betty Lou Epke of Valentine; and a host of nieces and nephews.



*In Loving Memory Of*

*Delores*

1928 - 2019

*In Celebration of the Life of*  
***Delores M. Epke***

**Rosary & Prayer Service**

Thursday - January 2, 2020 @ 7:00 PM  
St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Valentine, NE  
*Prayers led by Fr. Abraham Kaduthodiyil*  
*Eulogy by Mike Hamling*

**Mass of Christian Burial**

Friday - January 3, 2020 @ 10:30 AM  
St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Valentine, NE  
*Officiant: Fr. Abraham Kaduthodiyil*  
*Musician: Anne Clark*

'whatever is true,  
whatever is noble,  
whatever is pure,  
whatever is lovely,  
whatever is admirable,  
if anything is excellent  
or praiseworthy,  
think about such things.'

Philippians 4:8

**Pallbearers**

Mike Hamling  
Steve Hamling  
Shawn Hamling

Don Epke  
Dan Epke  
Sam Epke

**Interment**

Mount Hope Cemetery  
Valentine, Nebraska

**Holmes Funeral Home**  
Valentine, Nebraska

*Following the committal all are invited to join the  
family at the hall for a time of food and fellowship*