Rachel was born in Cedar Township on March 28, 1925 to Josephine and Knute Olson. Rachel graduated valedictorian from Trimont High School in 1943 and graduated with an accelerated teaching certificate from Mankato State in 1944. Rachel taught in Elm Creek Township until her marriage to Henry Gaalswyk December 26, 1945. Rachel spent the rest of her life as a loving, tireless and devoted partner to her husband and as a loving, thoughtful mother, grandmother, friend and neighbor. She was a woman of quiet strength in both her faith and in every other aspect of her life. Rachel served in many church roles, including deaconess. Rachel was always looking for ways to enrich or brighten a life or make a new memory. She will be remembered for her loving and thoughtful ways, living a life filled with grace and gratitude. Rachel’s greatest joy was sharing time with her husband, family, relatives, friends and neighbors.

Rachel passed away on October 14th at Temperance Lake Ridge in Sherburn at the age of ninety years. Rachel is survived by daughter Priscilla (Joseph) Maniscalco, three sons, Paul (Deanne), Jerry (Val) and Mark (Denise) Gaalswyk. Eight grandchildren, Jon (Kristen), Greg (Kala), Quinn and Kristie (Grant) Pomereneke, Sara (Jason) Rosenberg, Brady (Andrea), Jenna (Jesse) Wolfe and Chris (Lauren). She is survived by six great grandchildren, Wyatt, Lilly, Walter, Lucy, Emmett and Simon Gaalswyk. Rachel is also survived by her brother, Robert Olson, sisters-in-law, Mary Jane Gaalswyk and Clarice Gaalswyk, brother-in-law, John Gaalswyk and many nieces and nephews.

Rachel was preceded in death by her husband, Henry, parents Knute and Josephine (Johnson) Olson, her aunt, Edith Johnson, sister-in-law, Katy (Robert) Olson, Marie Uhlig, Greta (Harold) Jagodzinske and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Teunis, Peter and Henriette, Marion and Merle, Arie and Corolyn, Lavonne (John) and Jacob (Mary Jane) Gaalswyk, Cornelis and Wilemina Gaalswyk.

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FUNERAL SERVICE
10:30 A.M., Saturday, October 24, 2015
Evangelical Covenant Church
Trimont, Minnesota

OFFICIATING
Pastor: Philip Stenberg

SPECIAL REMEMBRANCES BY
Rachel’s Family

MUSIC
Organist: Nila Gene Olson
Soloist: Mark Gaalswyk
Congregational Singing

CASKET BEARERS
Jon Gaalswyk                          Greg Gaalswyk
Quinn Gaalswyk                       Grant Pomerenke
Jason Rosenberg                     Brady Gaalswyk
Jesse Wolfe                           Chris Gaalswyk

Interment
Cedar Hill Cemetery
Rural Trimont, Minnesota

In Appreciation…..
Rachel’s family, wishes to thank you for your many kindnesses evidenced in thoughts, deeds, prayers, phone calls, cards, food, flowers and for your presence at the visitation and funeral service.

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:6-8