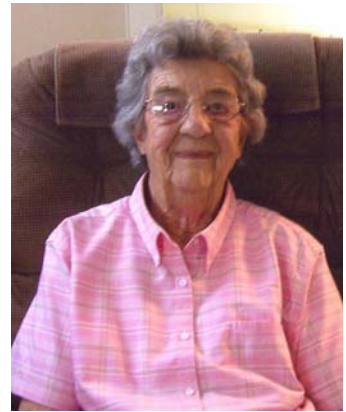




## **Mary Halverson Siegrist**

### **Hay Springs, Nebraska**

(formerly of Stanton)



Mary Halverson Siegrist, 98, of Hay Springs, Nebraska is a 1926 graduate of Stanton High School. She was born August 15, 1908 and attended school at the Elementary School and SHS.

Mrs. Siegrist wrote a letter in response to the SHS Alumni invitation in 2006 regretting the fact that she had not attended a reunion through the years due to the distance and, now, her age.

The President of the Association and his father, Don Koopman made a trip to Hay Springs to interview her. If she had made the trip to the reunion, she would have possibly been the oldest graduate to attend. As Kevin and his dad visited her, she pulled out a copy of her commencement invitation from May 20, 1926. She also mentioned that she sang in the choir and was on the yearbook staff as a student at Stanton High School. As they reminisced, she remembered principal Meroe "Outhouse" Owens; Mr. Flake, superintendent; her first grade teacher, Esther Raabe; and her fifth grade teacher, Laura Esswein.

She mentioned that the yearbook quote under her picture was, "talks little but thinks lots of things."

During the interview, she told of her life at Hay Springs and after her marriage to LaVern Siegrist in 1931. They lived at Stanton before moving to a farm in the Hay Springs area in 1937. They raised cattle, sheep, and hogs. Mary and her husband had two sons and one daughter; fourteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She says she remembers driving their 1920 Model T, however, at 98, she drives a 1984 Chevy Citation having just passed her eye test. Her husband, LaVern, passed away in 1990. Mrs. Siegrist lives alone in her home in Hay Springs, takes care of herself, and drives to church.

Her last comment was "I'm in God's hands, and I thank Him every morning."