

**Lt. Col.
Rachel Marie Gerlack
1922-2009**

Lt. Col. Rachel Marie Gerlack, 86, of Cheyenne died Feb. 23 at Life Care Center of Cheyenne.

She was born June 3, 1922, in Mitchell, S.D.

Mrs. Gerlack was raised on a farm near Mitchell and her parents were Hubert and Elsie Lemke Suedmeier.

After high school, she entered nurse's training school at St. Joseph's Hospital of Mitchell. After graduating from nurses training she became a nurse in the Air Force. At first she was a flight nurse bringing injured servicemen to the United States from Japan and surrounding areas during World War II.

Later she was stationed in France, England and Scotland. During this time she toured in Israel, Bethlehem, Italy, Germany and Switzerland. This was on time between serving in hospitals in every country she was stationed, namely England, France and Scotland. She then returned to Japan where she met LeRoy Gerlack. They were married in 1945.

She is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Services will be 1 p.m. Thursday at Wiederspahn-Radomsky Chapel of the Chimes with the Rev. John Christensen officiating. Interment will be in Beth El Cemetery.