

# **GOLDA**

## **In Memoriam**

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**Sarah Golda (Brandenburg) Sitz** died Thursday, 19 October 2006 at Manhattan, Kansas. Golda was 102 years of age at her death, and up until the very end, had a great interest in things going on around her.

I don't remember how we met, or who got in touch with whom, but for many years we have kept in contact, mainly through e-mail notes. When other women were giving in to old age, Golda was learning to use a computer! Golda and I never met face-to-face, and yet I counted her as a good friend. We were the letter writing, e-mail and telephone kind of friends - both passionately interested in the genealogy of the Brandenburg family.

Every once in a while I would pick up the ringing phone and hear a voice say, "This is Golda." Then we would talk about our genealogical research, or things that had nothing to do with that common interest.

When she was given a birthday party on her 100th birthday, I was invited. I didn't go because it was so far away, but ever since I have wished I had taken the time and effort to go and pay tribute to a great lady, who was always kind and generous in sharing her great knowledge of the Brandenburg family with me.

Golda wrote two books about her branch, the Wilhelm Heinrich Brandenburg Senior family. She was a teacher, and we had that in common, too. She came from a family of educators. Some of her brothers were also teachers and college professors.

I like to think Golda is now meeting all those ancestors she was always so interested in. I bet she has a lot of questions for them. And I am sure they, in turn, have a lot of questions for her.

Love you, Golda.

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