



Bernice Roy) Lown

May 21, 1909

Ida "Bernice" Lown was born May 21, 1909, the only daughter of Charley and Julia Crouse, in Oak Valley Township, Ottertail County, Minnesota. She went to be with her Heavenly Father on September 11, 2005, at the age of 96. Bernice grew up within a few miles of where she was born and attended Island School. On October 30, 1935, she was married to Roy Samuel Lown. They farmed in Minnesota and North Central Kansas until 1953 when Roy took a job in the maintenance department for the Bertha-Hewitt School District. Bernice worked at the Thiel Hospital in Bertha and continued there when it changed to the Bertha Nursing Home as a relief cook and housekeeper. She retired at age 62 and lived at rural Sebeka for several years before moving to Humphrey Manor approximately 25 years ago. When she was no longer able to take care of her apartment, 2 years ago, she moved to Inga's Place assisted living home where she passed away. Bernice was a member of Hewitt Church of the Nazarene since approximately 1927, except for a few years when she was affiliated with the Bible Missionary Church. She served as Sunday School teacher and president of the missionary society in the Church of the Nazarene. In the Bible Missionary Church, she was church pianist and church treasurer. Bernice was preceded in death by Roy, her husband of 51 years, and her brothers, Myrl and Ivan. She is survived by her children Velma Lown of Independence, Missouri, Valeda (Larry) Davis of Idaho Falls, Idaho and Neil (LaVon) Lown of rural Sebeka, Minnesota; Granddaughters Bethany Cyr of Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa and

Lisa Warren of Victor, Idaho; 6 great-grandchildren; brother; Harold Crouse of Bristow, Oklahoma; and several nieces and nephews. Services were held on Thursday, September 15, 2005 at the Hewitt Church of the Nazarene with reverend Johanes Marsland and Reverend Jeff Heisler presiding. Honorary pallbearers Daniel Zimmerman and Todd Orr. Pallbearers were Terry Peterson, Larry Shultz, Allen Trosen, and Gordy Trosen. Interment was in the Oak Valley Cemetery, located in Oak Valley Township, OtterTail County, MN.