



## Bertha Rodney) Westergren

April 21, 1926 - September 10, 2005

Bertha Grace McNeal was born on April 21, 1926 in Long Prairie, MN to Paul and Etta (Wheeler) McNeal. At her parents home in Long Prairie, she was united in marriage with Rodney Westergren of Bertha on June 5, 1945. Bertha has lived in the Bertha area for 59 years and has worked both as a factory worker and homemaker. She served her community as a Bertha Hi-Flyers 4-H leader and member of the South Bertha Homemaker's Club, Methodist Women's Society and the Bertha Senior Citizens. She enjoyed cooking and baking, gardening and spending time visiting with family and friends. For health reasons, Bertha moved to Clarissa in November , 2004. She passed away at the Central Todd County Care Center in Clarissa on September 10, 2005 at the age of 79 years. Bertha was preceded in death by her husband Rodney on March 18, 2000; her parents Paul and Etta; brothers John McNeal and George McNeal; and sisters Ella Oliver and Mary Zager. She is survived by her son Gary of Plymouth, MN and daughters Kathy Detloff of Grey Eagle, MN and Connie Rach of Bertha; 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren; and brother Herbert McNeal of Iron, MN. She is also survived by her uncle Neil Handlos; sisters-in-law Marilyn McNeal, Wanda McNeal, Violet Westergren; and brother-in-law Lloyd Zager. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 13, 2005 at the Faith United Church of Christ in Bertha with Reverend Orville Sauter officiating. Honorary pallbearers were Bertha's grandchildren Jessica Sieren, Michelle Westergren, Rachel Schott, Erica Rach, Michael Westergren, Jared Detloff and Andrew Rach. Pallbearers were

Wilfred Johnson, Barry McNeal, Paul McNeal, Ken Nelson, Dennis Oliver, Wayne Voge, Bruce Westergren, Wayne Westergren and Bill Zager Interment was in the Zion Cemetery in Bertha Township.