



## Darlene Mattern

March 13, 1934 - April 2, 2004

Darlene Janet Piepkorn was born to her parents Gustav & Hulda (Hormann) Piepkorn on March 13, 1934 in Wadena. She passed away on Friday at her home in Wing River Township. Darlene was united in marriage to Gene Mattern on February 14, 1953 in Aberdeen, SD. They made their home in South Dakota, Nebraska, Oregon, Oklahoma, Maryland and finally settling in rural Wadena. She is a member of St. John Lutheran Church, the St. John's Quilting group, the Homemakers and Prairie Pine Mutual Insurance Board. She enjoyed reading, watching sports, walks, playing cards, archery, hunting, gardening, watching the birds, golfing and the October outing. She also enjoyed her time with her family, especially the grandchildren. Darlene was preceded in death by her parents, son Doug, and her brothers Marvin and Cecil. She is survived by her husband Gene; son Steve (Susie) of Fargo; daughters Jane (Bill) Langer of Thief River Falls and Mary of Fargo; 4 grandchildren; brothers Lovell (Geraldine) Piepkorn of St. Paul, Ron of Wadena; sisters Lorna Bjerke & Bunny Piepkorn of Wadena; and other extended family, sons & daughters who have become close enough to call her "Mom." Burial will take place in the Wadena Cemetery following the services.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I have known Mary for many years, and got to know Darlene and Gene as well as the rest of the family through Mary.

*A few years ago, I spent the weekend at their place and had a great time visiting with Darlene and the rest of the family.*

*She always had a smile, joke, and always wanted to make sure you had something to eat. I never had a chance to go hungry! She was a real treasure to be around, and she passed on her great attitude and thoughtfulness to her family. She will be missed.*

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**Bruce Lykken** - April 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM