



Dorothy Kingsley

September 29, 1911 - February 14, 2008

Dorothy Isabel Kingsley, age 96, of Wadena, formerly of Henning, passed away at the home of her daughter, Laurel Schwartz, near Wadena on February 14, 2008. She was born the youngest of 7 children to Frank Oliver and Anna Olive (Mast) McGovern in Buffalo Township, Wright County, Minnesota on September 29, 1911. Dorothy was a member of the Verndale, Henning and Wadena communities for 70 years. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, growing flowers and plants, music and reading, often completing 2 or 3 books in a week. In earlier years Dorothy and Paul enjoyed fishing in Minnesota and traveled to the east and west coasts, Florida and Arizona. Her biggest interest was her grandchildren. She had a knack for listening, especially when they had problems. They knew they could talk to her about anything. She seldom gave them much advice but was a good listener and they knew she cared. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Paul E. Kingsley in 1994; her parents; step-son, Elmer; son-in-law, Jim Taggart; one great-grandchild; 12 nieces and nephews; brothers, Claude and Ted McGovern; and sisters, Ethel Mason, Edith Pittman, Gladys Cunningham, and Louise Peterson. She is survived by son, Jerry (Colene) Peterson of California; step-sons, Curtis (fiancée, Julie) Kingsley of Richfield, and Reg (Tina) Kingsley of Deer Creek; daughters, Roberta (Stuart) Pinsky of Plymouth, Judy (Jim) Taggart and Laurel (Bob) Schwartz both of Wadena; 9 grandchildren and 11 step-grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; and 10 nieces and nephews. Honorary pallbearers will be her 20 grandchildren and

step-grandchildren. Friends may call from 9:30AM until the time of services at 10:30AM on Saturday, March 1, 2008 at the Johnson Memorial Home Chapel in Wadena, with Pastor Kathy Huneywell of the Wadena United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery in Wadena.

Tribute Wall

ML

“ I TRUELY ADMIRED YOUR MOM, LAUREL AND JUDY. SHE ALWAYS HAD A GRIN ON HER FACE AND SEEMED TO ALWAYS ENJOY WHATEVER SHE WAS DOING. MAY GOD COMFORT YOU IN YOUR TIME OF LOSS.

MARY LYNK - February 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MP

Mom to Roberta and Jerry, too.

Michele Pinsky - June 15, 2021 at 08:47 PM

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“ Dearest Dorothy,

Although I didn't get to see you much, I know you always asked about me when ever you spoke to Mom and Jerry and you where always concerned about my wrist pain even when you weren't feeling all that well yourself.

So all I would like to say is now there is another lovely star in the night sky and another beautiful angel in heaven.

Lori and Bruce Oswald - February 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ We always enjoyed Grandma Dorothy's stories about the good old days. What history she had seen throughout her long life. Wish we would have taped those stories. We will always remember her fondly. Our little visits when we shared a piece of pie or some card playing and soup! Jessica and Jacob shared Grandma's passion for reading and sometimes even traded books back and forth. She loved to catch up with us and was always interested in how we were getting along and we enjoyed her interest. We will miss her. Godspeed Grandma.
Love, Bonnie, Jessica and Jake Kingsley

Bonnie Kingsley - February 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FK

“ My mother and Father were Charles and Margaret Kingsley. My dad (Charles) was Paul's brother. Our family is pretty much spread out all over the place so I only met Dorothy once or twice. My folks cared a great deal for Dorothy and I continued to communicate with her even after my parents passed. Dorothy was a remarkable person with a very sharp mind and beautiful handwriting. I wish I could have been able to spend more time with her. I am sure she is with God now and hopefully visiting with mom and dad. Shirley and I send our condolences to her family and thank Laurel for letting us know of her passing.

Fred and Shirley Kingsley - February 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ When my Grandma Hilda was alive, she always talked about her aunt Dorothy and the letters she wrote to her every Sunday night. I had the pleasure of exchanging some letters with Aunt Dorothy after Grandma passed. She had so much kindness and wisdom. I last saw her during a visit her last few days at Shady Lane last year, before going back to Laurel's. She met my daughter and couldn't believe how "with it" she always was. We are thinking of you all at this time and some of us will see you at the memorial service.

Stacey Steinkopf-Lillich - February 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Especially for my Grandmother Although your physical being has passed, your spirit remains strong. A part of me will always be with you, and a part of you will always be with me. I keep you close in my heart and my memories. I Love You ... Always and Forever.

Love, Michele

Michele Pinsky - February 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM