



Erna Porter

June 8, 1920 - December 14, 2007

Erna Emma Porter, 87, passed away on December 14, 2007, at the Lakewood Care Center in Staples, where she had resided for several years. Erna was born on June 8, 1920, in Todd County, north of Clarissa, to Albert and Alma (Maatz) Laatsch. She married Arthur Arnold Porter at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bartlett Township, on October 24, 1938. After living near Bertha, Staples, Menahga and Long Prairie, in 1949 they moved to Minneapolis. Erna worked as a nurse's aide and then a lab aide at Abbott Hospital in Minneapolis for 18 years, and she and Art returned to the Bertha area in 1969. She then worked as a med aide at Shady Lane Nursing Home, Wadena, for 11 years, retiring soon after Art died in 1980. After living with her son near Bertha for several years, she moved to Comfort Care, Wadena, and then in 2003 to Lakewood Care Center, Staples. For as long as her eyesight allowed, Erna enjoyed embroidery, blessing her family with treasured keepsakes of embroidered quilts, pillow cases and dish towels. She had also enjoyed gardening and loved cats. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, December 18, at the Lakewood Care Center in Staples with the Rev. Robin Collins presiding. Burial was at Immanuel Cemetery, Bartlett Twp. Johnson Memorial Home, Wadena, was in charge of arrangements. Erna is survived by her son, Albert of rural Bertha; daughter Evelyn (Ed/Pete) Otto of Wadena; granddaughters Sara Otto of Minnetonka, and Lori (Tom) York of Shakopee; grandson Andy Otto of Wadena; and 9-month-old great-granddaughter Lydia York of Shakopee. Erna was preceded in death by her parents, her husband,

and a stillborn baby girl.

Tribute Wall

FT

“ *My sympathies to all of you at Erna's passing. May she rest in the Lord's joy and peace.*

Fr. Tom - December 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Dear Lori, Tom and Lydia,
Our deepest sympathy to you and your family at the loss of Grandma. Know that all of you are in our prayers.
God Bless,
Carol and Les*

Les and Carol Boatman - December 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Evie, Edwin & family
We send our sympathy to all of you, she must have been a wonderful lady!*

*Love,
Basil & Mary Ann*

Basil & Mary Ann Watercott - December 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Erna has always been my favorite aunt.*

Sam & Betty Porter - December 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear Albert, Evelyn, and family,
We are sad with you, and wish we could be there with you. I can't begin to count the memories that I have from "Uncle Art and Auntie Erna's." We learned about life on a farm there. From the cats and cows to the chickens and the outhouse. So much laughter around the big table, and if I think about it hard enough, I can taste those wonderful eggs. Auntie Erna's stories from Shady Lane, African Violets, the beautiful embroidery and the crazy quilts ... She was in many respects like a third grandmother to us. Our prayers and thoughts are with you today, and always. All our love, Martha and family

Martha (Porter) Millhouse - December 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM