



Erna Thorson

June 26, 1931 - November 15, 2008

Erna Emma Thorson, age 77 of Eagle Bend, MN, died Saturday, November 15, 2008 at Lakewood Medical Center in Staples, MN. Services were held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eagle Bend with Reverend Chad Czischke presiding. Erna was born June 26, 1931 to Julius and Emma (Sieg) Schulz in Madelia, MN. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church and attended St. John's Lutheran School at Willow Creek. It was at the same church she married Robert Thorson on July 21, 1947. Robert and Erna lived on farms at Winthrop, Courtland and Eagle Bend. They retired from farming and moved into the city of Eagle Bend in 2003. She worked at ADC in St. Peter, 3M in New Ulm and Thompson's Bakery in Parkers Prairie. Erna was an active member and served as past president of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Immanuel Lutheran Church. She was also a member of the Burleenettes Homemakers Club, where she loved to exhibit and win blue ribbons for her bread and baked goods. Erna is survived by her husband of 61 years, Robert; sons Gerold and his wife Janice of Eagle Bend, Ted and his wife Carol of Courtland and Raymond and his wife Vicki of Elbow Lake; daughters Julie Hoyle and her husband Charles of Port Orange, FL and Diane Wenner and her husband Philip of Courtland; 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law John Thorson and his wife Marlys; sister-in-laws Kathleen Schulz, Betty Thorson and Patsy Bode and her husband Wallace; as well as many nieces and nephews. Erna was preceded in death by her parents;

brother Walter Schulz; 2 brothers and 5 sisters in infancy; sister and brother-in-law Olidia and Fred Karau; sister and brother-in-law Elna and Marvin Davidson; brothers-in law Dean Thorson, Orland Thorson and his wife Eyvonne; and one granddaughter in infancy. Honorary pallbearers were Amanda Crider, Joshua Crider, Resa Harris Kelly Jensen and Stephanie Keech. Pallbearers were Brian Thorson, Kurt Thorson, Richard Thorson, Joseph Wenner, Michael Wenner and Stephen Wenner. Interment was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Eagle Bend. Over the years the home was filled with laughter and love of children. No one made better cookies, cakes and meals than Erna.

Tribute Wall

RD

“ To Ted, Carol - Diane, Phil and Family you have my Deepest Sympathy on the loss of your Mother

Roxy Dorn - November 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Erna was the best. We will miss her.

Annette Thorson - November 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Erna, we miss you a lot but we take comfort in knowing you're at rest in a better place. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob and the rest of the family.

Ralph Karau - November 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ Erna has left me with some very fond memories, as I know she has left them with you as well. I carry a smile in my heart just thinking of her. I want to send you all my love and condolences. I know Erna will be missed by everyone, and when it is our turn to visit her again, I'm sure she'll have a plate of something good just waiting for us! God's Blessings to you all as you journey through this difficult time.
Love, Heidi (Renner)Johnson

Heidi Johnson - November 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Family is so important to all of you! Cherish that gift and the memories of Grandma's time with you. Celebrate her life and trust in our God to take her to her heavenly home.*

Grandma was blessed to have the support system she had, you should be proud of all the times you were there for her!

My sympathy to you as you say your good byes!

Jeanie

Jean Prochniak - November 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *Our prayers and condolences go out to the entire family of Erna Thorson and especially Julie. We know how difficult it is to lose a parent and we know how much she will be missed.*

Linda Amacker - November 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ *Charlie, Julie and family:
We are very sorry to hear about your mom. You are very special to us and will be in our thoughts and prayers through this tough time.
We love you and miss you
The Muller's*

Heidi Muller - November 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM