



Esther Valencich

April 23, 1920 - April 4, 2011

Funeral services for Esther Claire Valencich, a resident of the Our Home, Your Home Assisted Living Residence of Henning and formerly of Minneapolis, Pine River and Florida, were held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, April 9, 2011 with Father Donald Wagner presiding. Esther passed away peacefully at the age of 90 years on Monday, April 4, 2011 at the Tri-County Hospital in Wadena. Esther was born on April 23, 1920 to Tony and Margaret (Stich) Reber in St. Joseph, MN. She worked for many years as a seamstress at Lyman Bros. in Minneapolis, MN. She met John Valencich during this time and they were married on October 11, 1947. They lived in the Twin Cities area until they retired and moved to Pine River, MN. Esther enjoyed her flowers, going back to St. Joe to visit her mom, especially for her birthday parties at the VFW. Esther was well known for her beloved dogs whom she spoiled till they were plump. She was also quite the crappie fisherman. Esther and John spent the winters in Zephyrhills, FL where Esther enjoyed reading, walking and visiting with her friends. When John passed away in 1997, she made the decision to move to Florida full time. She loved Christmas and decorated her home every December and won many 1st place prizes for her efforts. In 2010, she moved back to Minnesota where she lived until her death. Esther loved people, had a great sense of humor and always took pride to look sharp. Esther will be greatly missed by her brother Edwin "Stubby" Reber; many nephews, nieces, great nephews and nieces; many friends; and her beloved "Chipper". She was preceded in death by her

husband John; her parents; sister and friend Evelyn Hussman; brother Sylvester "Vess" Reber; godchild Kellie; niece Mary; and great nephew Mitch. Honorary pallbearers were Jan Heltemes, John and Gary Kemling. Interment will be at the Mn State Veteran's Cemetery at Camp Ripley, MN at a later date.