



Eva Martes

May 17, 1907 - November 15, 2006

Eva S. Martes, age 99 of Wadena, passed away on Wed. November 15th at the Tri-County Hospital in Wadena. Eva was born on May 17, 1907 in Deer Creek to her parents Frank & Margaret (McAllister) Scott. She was baptized into the Christian faith by Rev. Lemuel Baeven of St. Helen's Episcopal Church in Wadena. After the death of her mother the family moved to Menahga, where she attended public school. Later she moved to Casselton, ND living with her sister Gert and husband Clyde Askew. It was in Casselton where she continued her education. In 1923 Eva started working for Northwestern Bell Telephone Company in Casselton. Later she transferred to Wadena. She was promoted from operator to night Chief and later to traffic clerk. Eva retired on July 2, 1972 after a service record of 45 years and 19 days. In 1933 Eva married Bob King. In 1942 she was united in marriage to Phil Martes. Eva will always be remembered for her generosity, wit and great sense of humor. Although she was pretty much house bound the last few years, the stories, memories and friends were very much a part of her life. Eva was preceded in death by her parents; husband Phil; sisters Gertrude (Clyde) Askew, Mabel (Sylvester) Armstrong, & Cassie (Ara) Cook. She is survived by nieces Harriet Prettyman & Beulah Montgomery; grand nieces and nephews; along with many wonderful friends. Eva will be missed by all who knew her. Memorial services will be held on Wed. November 22nd at 2:00 PM in the Johnson Memorial Home Chapel with Pastor Larry Hager officiating. Interment of the ashes will take place next to her husband in the Wadena Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers will be all of her many friends.

Tribute Wall

PR

“ I worked with Eva at the Telephone Company in Wadena 35+ years ago and I remember her well. Her sense of humor is of course legendary, and when the occasion arises I still find myself saying or thinking some of her words of wisdom. She managed to combine a fantastic sense of humor with a lot of class, and she was a classy lady.

My sympathy to her family and close friends.

Peggy Rentz - November 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ My parents worked with Eva at NW Bell Telephone Company. I have always considered Eva part of our family. Eva may have lived alone but her many dogs were like children to her, her life! I have many fond memories of visiting with Eva...and I will miss her!

Mary Stuntebeck - November 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Eva will be greatly missed by all of us who knew and worked with her. She had a wonderful sense of humor. Her colorful tennis shoes were always a trademark. The last time I saw her we talked of old times and I'm glad I had that opportunity. Love Ya Eva, Gwen

Gwen Anderson - November 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

“ I had the privilege of knowing Eva - she was a dear friend of our family. Eva worked with both of my parents (Gordon Lundeen and Pauline Lundeen) at Northwestern Bell in Wadena. I can remember my folks going to different get-togethers and then returning home to talk about how Eva was the highlight of the party with her jokes (I was too young to hear them repeated!) but I could see by the way they lit up talking about her that she was a good friend. Mom stayed in touch with Eva, taking short trips and talking on the phone a couple times a week, until Mom passed away a couple years ago.

Years past by and I grew up leaving my home town, but I always stayed informed about Eva through my many phone calls home to my mother. When I moved back to central Minnesota (Brainerd) I was able to visit Wadena often and enjoyed Eva's wit and humor (only now I was old enough to hear her jokes!).

I worked at a Veterinary Hospital/Grooming and Boarding. It wasn't long after I started working there my mother would drive Eva and her dog, Toby, over for a check-up and grooming. While Toby was being attended to, I would take the ladies out to lunch. The stories that Eva would tell, while some were informational, the majority were just plain side splitting (it was a wonder we could eat).

Several years later Toby passed and my mom discouraged Eva from getting another dog. Eva was having trouble seeing by then and could very easily trip over a little dog. But Eva wouldn't listen to anyone on that subject - she loved her dogs. Still working at the Vet Hospital, I learned about a customer who was looking for a new home for their dog. The first person we thought of was Eva. Several days later, Eva had a new companion!

Eva will be missed but she is now rejoicing in heaven seeing her loved ones, friends and many pets.

Barbara (Lundeen) Nathe
Crosby, Minnesota

Barbara Nathe - November 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *Eva and her husband Phil were our neighbors at Rush Lake. In 1966 Eva got me a job as a long distance operator at the Wadena office; when it snowed too much for me to drive back to Mills and Oak Point, I would spend the night at their house. We kept in touch with phone calls after I moved to Idaho; I'd stop by to visit her and her dog when I was in Minn. Eva had such a terrific sense of humor, it was always fun to talk with her. I remember her favorite song was "Winchester Cathedral" when it was popular in the 60s; she also liked Lily Tomlin's Ernestine: "One ringy dingy." It was hard to believe she was almost 100 years old and living on her own. What a role model and friend she was! I will miss her very much, and I'm so happy to have known her.*

Kay Keskinen - November 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *eva will always be remembered as the time keeper and her story telling, she loved to smoke and at that time so did i, i worked with her for 16 years at the wadena building, same place as qwest today, she was liked by all.*

joan cooney - November 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ I am very honored to have been Eva's nurse and have visited her every other week for quite some time. She was quite a spunky lady, I admired her ability to continue living in her own home with her visual disabilities and also her physical problems these last few months. And to have lived to be nearly 100 years old is a stellar feat, especially when you're alone.
She will surely be missed.
Adele

Adele Lausten - November 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM