



Fanny Dirks

January 4, 1907 - February 19, 2004

Fanny Christina Dirks was born on January 4, 1907 at Ashton, Iowa to Wert and Bena (Sleeper) Ennenga. For a number of years, Fanny worked as a housekeeper for different households until she was united in marriage with Herman A. Dirks in Wilmont, Minnesota on January 4, 1937 - her 30th birthday. Together they farmed in the Fulda area until 1945 when they moved to Norcross, Minnesota. Fanny and Herman farmed and raised their children there and in 1960 they moved to a farm in Bartlett Township, outside of Verndale, Minnesota. In 1972, they moved to Hewitt where Fanny remained after health issues forced Herman to move into the Shady Lane Nursing Home (now Fair Oaks Lodge) in Wadena in 1973. Her own health made it necessary to leave Hewitt in 1997 and move to the St. Frances Home in Breckenridge, Minnesota. Fanny was quite active in the Hewitt community as a member of the Hewitt Senior Citizen's, the Hewitt United Methodist Women and a member of the United Methodist Church in Hewitt. She enjoyed crocheting and making pillowcases and afghan blankets for her grandchildren. Her work was occasionally entered at the Grant County Fair in Herman by her daughter Carol and she received Grand Champion and Reserve Champion awards as well as many blue ribbons. She enjoyed working in her garden and flower beds and in later years enjoyed passing the time with puzzle books. Fanny passed away on February 19, 2004 at the St. Frances Home in Breckenridge with her family by her side. She was 97 years old. Fanny was preceded in death by her husband Herman on September 25, 1981; her

parents Wert and Bena Ennenga; brother Peter and sisters Hattie Moreke and Martha Hippert; son-in-law Orville Trisko and an infant grandson. She is survived by her daughter Carol (Walter) McRoberts of Herman, MN; sons Allen of Hewitt, MN and Donald (Shirley) of Wadena, MN; 4 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, 9 step-great-grandchildren and 3 step-great-great-grandchildren; sister Emma Hilfers of Fulda, MN; many nieces, nephews and members of Herman's family. Interment was in the Hewitt Cemetery in Hewitt, MN.