



Fern Schmitz

January 27, 1912 - April 5, 2003

Fern Schmitz beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother completed her life's journey, Saturday April 5, 2003 at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena. Fern was born on January 27, 1912, to Clarence and Fanny (Ames) Cheney in Bullard Township, Wadena County. She was the 8th child of a family of 9. As her father was a logger they moved to many different areas where they attended different schools in Minnesota, Oregon and Washington. All of her siblings have preceded her in death. She married Ralph Schmitz on Oct. 30, 1933 in Wadena where they made their home until moving to the farm by Sebeka in 1948. She was a charter member of the Assumption of Our Lady Catholic Church in Menahga and was a member of the Christian Mothers. They later built a home in Sebeka where they lived until Fern moved to Humphrey Manor where she lived for 22 years until moving to Fair Oaks Lodge. She was an avid reader, enjoyed quilting for her grandchildren, fishing with Ralph, going out for lunch and visiting with family and friends. Pallbearers were her grandchildren; Tom Schmitz, Kristine Pagenkopf, Sarah Albrecht, Keth Schmitz, Jr., Daniel Schmitz, Jaccie Nelson, Scott Putzke, Janelle Ahlgren, Tony Putzke, Jaimie Beretta and LaiLonna Lilly. Interment will be in the Calvary Cemetery in Wadena. Fern is survived by two sons and two daughters: Dennis (June) Schmitz of Grand Rapids, Keith (Diane) Schmitz of Park Rapids, Sandra (Gene) Putzke of Sebeka and Linda (George) Lilly of Nimrod; 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Ralph in 1979, 8 siblings

and 1 grandson in 1978.