



Frances Brouk

November 10, 1924 - July 16, 2008

Fran Brouk was born on November 10, 1924 to Emil and Esther (Chilberg) Paulson in Aldrich, Minnesota. She passed away, surrounded by her loved ones, at the age of 83 on Wednesday, July 16 at Bethany Home in Alexandria, Minnesota. After graduating from Staples High School, Fran moved to Minneapolis. There she worked as a home health aid and at Sears & Roebuck Company. She also attended the Lutheran Bible Institute where she grew in the knowledge of her Lord and met her first husband. Fran married Gilmore Land on June 30, 1956 in Minneapolis. They farmed for many years near Deer Creek. Their daughter Lois was born in 1960. Gilmore passed away tragically in 1972. Nine years later, Fran found love again and married Millard Brouk on January 31, 1981. Fran resided in the Wadena-Deer Creek area for over 50 years. She was a dedicated employee of Tri-County Hospital and also Green Thumb. She enjoyed being a Tupperware consultant and traveled to many conferences throughout the nation, making life-long friends. Fran was active in her church and served on many committees. One of her favorite things was her Bible Study with several local women and her pastor. She loved sharing her faith in Jesus Christ! One of her favorite past times was going to garage sales and having her own. She also enjoyed flea marketing and traveled long distances with her antiques and collectibles. Fran loved her grandchildren and was thrilled to hold her first great-grandchild the day he came home from the hospital one week before her passing. Her death has made many broken hearts for the grandchildren and she will be missed and remembered as the

best grandma there could ever be. Fran and Millard lived at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena for the last few years and then moved to Bethany Home in December, 2007 to be closer to Fran's daughter and their treasured grandchildren. Fran was preceded in death by her first husband, Gilmore; parents, Emil and Esther; brothers-in-law, Orril, Ferdinand and Claire; sisters-in-law, Tolvine and Bernice, and nephew, Carl Drake. She is survived by her husband, Millard; daughter and son-in-law, Lois & Gary Bjorklund of Alexandria; sister and brother-in-law, Marlys and Vernon Drake of Staples; grandchildren, Amanda, Sunshine, Matthew and fiancée, Jen, Sarah and fiancé, Mike, and Luke and Lisa Jennissen; great-grandson, Conrad; step-grandchildren, Kristina, Nick, Jenny and Justin; nieces and nephews, Ann, Paul, Keith (Drake), Alan, Marilyn, Sonia, Carl (Noss), Delores, Donald, Jerry and Jon (Swenson); and many cousins. Funeral Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 21 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Wadena, Pastor Del Moen officiating. Honorary pallbearers were Matthew Jennissen and Private Luke Jennissen. Active pallbearers were Paul Drake, Keith Drake, Harold Erickson, Duane Trana, Eugene Leslie, and Harris Bendix. Interment was at Compton Lutheran Cemetery in Compton Township of rural Wadena.

Tribute Wall

BD

“ Lois,
*I was so sad to hear of your mom's passing. I remember when we were in school and she let you invite all of us girls over for your birthday. Oh what fun we had!
And later, I had the opportunity to visit with her when she was at Fair Oaks. Such a kind, friendly person she was.
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Barb

Barb (Taylor) Doll - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Dearest Lois and family, How do I put into words my feelings at this time--feelings of loss and sorrow, yes, and yet far above that--feelings of peace and gladness at picturing Fran resting ever so peacefully in the everlasting, ever-loving arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. What comfort and joy we need find from that beautiful picture of how heaven must be--and knowing that, as believers, we will one day be reunited with our loved ones! Thank you, thank you, thank you Lois, for allowing me to share in your mom's last days on earth--and mostly for being the best friend one could ever hope to have in a lifetime. I love you and your entire family.*

Jeannie Klimek - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Uncle Millard, Lois, and family,

Aunt Fran will be unbelievably missed by us and so very many others. As anyone who met her knows, she had an incredible warm, loving soul. Our family is blessed to have many enjoyable visits and times since marrying Uncle Millard. Just thoughts of her brings a smile to my face, and thankfully a laugh to my heart when I think of her outstanding sense of humor. She is in God's hands, and doing well, now; however, a great void is here for us. So during hard times of loss, pull on the treasure of memories I know you have from the many years with Aunt Fran. We are extremely sorry to not be there in person. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers during this time.

*We send our love,
Jan, Viola, and Jerry*

Jan & Viola Schmitt, and Jerry Miller - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ *Lois: Jan and I would like to extend our sympathy to you in the loss of your mom. She was a special person. We always enjoyed having her at the family tupperware parties and visiting with her at Fair Oakes. She always had a positive spirit and loved Jesus as her Savior. She is now with Jesus.*

John 14:1-6 is so special. This gives us hope. Pastor Les and Jan

Pastor Les and Jan Galland - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Mom, I will miss you so much! I will miss laughing with you for you had a wonderful sense of humor. I will miss crying with you for you had such a tender-heart and were sensitive to the feelings of everyone. I will miss your gentle words of wisdom. I will miss praying with you, singing with you and so much more.

Thank you for being a wonderful Mother and for introducing me to your best friend, Jesus. I know I'll see you in heaven and we'll sing together again at the feet of our Savior.

*With all my love,
Lois*

Lois Bjorklund - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Most of my memories are from picnics we have growing up. We would meet at a park in Minnesota, all the Land relatives, once each summer. Once when our family visited Gil, Fran and Lois at Deer Creek, I remember sleeping in the utility room where they were keeping some new-born baby kitties. Fran was a social person, selling tupperware or various things and liked to travel quite a bit. Our sympathy to Lois, Millard and family.

Sonia Buchholz - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Lois, Millard and family. When I was notified today of Frannie's death, I was very upset and saddened. All the silly and hilarious memories of ALL the years we were together as co-workers and most of all "Friends", there are so many good thoughts of a wonderful, witty and warm lady, with that great sense of humor always! I think back to the time she wanted me to sing with her at Fair Oaks (the minute I walked in the door!!!) That was my Frannie - Banannie! She was so special to Larry and me. I will always remember her for the great lady she was, and so angry with myself that the times I was in Alex. I never took the time to visit her. I told Larry (the last visit to the Dr. down there) "I NEED to see Frannie"....but because of (I thought) the time element, I didn't. Darn it! I will see you at the funeral, Lois, and probably NOT at the "awake"" though. God Bless you richly during these next few days especially and then the days to come. The wonderful memories you'll have of your wonderful mother and wife (Millard) Thinkig of you ...Diane and Larry Hahn

Diane M. Hahn - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Millard, Lois and family; What a pleasure it was to have gotten to know Fran when she volunteered here at Fair Oaks Lodge and then when she became one of our residents. She was a lady who always looked out for others and always took time to make someone happy. She will truly be missed, but she also had faith that one day she would be with the Lord and she will be playing piano again. We will keep all of you in our prayers. Kathy and the residents at Fair Oaks Lodge

Kathy Richter - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM