



## Frances Hecke

October 23, 1914 - May 7, 2006

Frances Van Hecke, age 91, a resident of Central Todd County Care Center in Clarissa, MN and formerly of Bertha, MN, passed away on May 7, 2006 at the Lakewood Systems Hospital in Staples, MN. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Friday, May 12, 2006 at the Domian-Anderson Funeral Home in Bertha with Pastor Barry Klein of the Staples Church of Christ presiding.

Frances Pearl Van Hecke was born on October 23, 1914 to Tom Gilbert and Mary Bridgett Drown at Roseau, MN. Mary later married Frank Starr and he adopted Frances as his own. Frances played violin in school and placed first in state at Worthington, MN for orchestra. She completed high school and a year of teachers college. She taught country schools until she was united in marriage with Delbert Tony Van Hecke on November 21, 1935 in Marshall, MN. Together they moved their family to a farm southwest of Hewitt in 1952. In 1987, Frances and Delbert moved into the Horizon Manor in Bertha.

Frances served her community teaching Sunday School for two years in Tracy, MN and later for many years at the Staples Church of Christ. She enjoyed puzzles and playing bingo. She also enjoyed crocheting and had just finished a baby blanket for her 11th great-grandchild due in August, 2006.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband Delbert on April 4, 1989; father Thomas Gilbert, mother and step-father Mary and Frank Starr; and sisters June Dahl and Blendina Hanson. She is survived by her son Delbert F. (Diane) of Coon Rapids, MN; daughters Marlys (Tom) Fay of Bellingham, WA and Mary Ann Van Hecke of Staples, MN; 9 grandchildren, 10 great-

grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Honorary pallbearers were Jenny Anderson, Will Judd, Samantha Judd and Trisha Van Hecke.

Pallbearers were Travis Van Hecke, Dennis Judd, Brandon Fay, Ken Judd, Jerry Judd and Greg Anderson. Interment was in the Riverside Cemetery in Moran Township, Todd County, MN.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I think we all know how much she meant to us, but I don't think we realize how much we all meant to her as well. She loved talking about all of us and I choose to believe she will always be up there looking down at us with Grandpa by her side, smiling & telling him the same stories about us over & over again. I'm so proud to be her Grandson, wish that I could have had more time with her, but, the moments I had I will treasure forever. Love & miss you always Grandma.

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**MIKE & ANN LEACH** - May 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM