



Gladys Zuelow

September 19, 1927 - November 29, 2010

Gladys Elnora Zuelow, age 83, passed from this life into the arms of the Lord Jesus on November 29, 2010. She was born September 19, 1927 to Albert and Annie (Oien) Buan in Little Sauk Township, Todd County, MN. She was confirmed in the Lutheran Church at Round Prairie on April 5, 1942. She attended country schools in Reynolds and Round Prairie and graduated from Long Prairie High School in 1945. Gladys married Walter A. Zuelow on August 7, 1954. Walter had built Maple Leaf Resort at Sucker Bay on Leech Lake. Gladys never stopped loving the lakes and forests of northern Minnesota. For six years they spent spring, fall and summers working hard at Maple Leaf Resort. In 1960, they sold the resort and purchased Terry Motel in Wadena, which they sold in 1981. After moving to town, Gladys was able to become more active in groups and organizations, and also worked part time at Harnish's dress shop for a few years, was a member of TOPS and received her KOPS status in the 1980s. She was a member of TOPS for over thirty years. She was an active member of St. John Lutheran Church, and belonged to the Dorcas Guild and LWML. Gladys was a caring person and enjoyed trying many different crafts, but her favorite was counted cross stitch. She was also a determined collector of butterfly and angel figurines, and adored the color lavender. Gladys enjoyed "search-a-word" puzzles and was always keeping up with the national, state, and local news. Gladys was predeceased by her parents; her beloved husband of 52 years; in utero twins, two brothers, two sisters; and two nephews. She is survived by her daughter, Dianne

Zuelow Giffen (Garey Giffen) of Federal Dam; two special daughters Linda (Michael) Pol and Mary (Mark) Hodgkins all of Lake Lizzie, FL; one grandson and two great-grandchildren; a sister Grace McNeill of Edina, 24 nieces and nephews, and 59 great-nieces and great nephews. Gladys had many very good friends. She will be missed by those who knew her. Her kindness, empathy and thoughtfulness are something we should each try to emulate. God bless the memory of Gladys Zuelow. Funeral services were held on Friday, December 3, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena, with Pastor Stephen Meltzer officiating. Honorary pallbearers were all of Gladys's wonderful friends. Pallbearers were Dean Boyer, Bob Boyer, Robert McNeill, David Buan, Richard Buan, Daniel Buan, Bob Buan and Doug Buan. Burial will be at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 6, in Pine Grove Cemetery in Cass Lake. Arrangements were with the Johnson Memorial Home in Wadena. (www.johnsonmemorialhome.com)

Tribute Wall

KB

“ Gladys, a very special friend to my mom, Bonnie Dunker and all of our family. She was a true role model of kindness. The first real christmas tree Gary & I had in Wadena came from Walt & Gladys, behind the Terry Motel. I wanted one that was well shaped. Walt cut the top off of a monster tree, it was beautiful. They always went the extra mile for me & my siblings when we grew up only a couple of miles from the motel. Our deepest sympathies to Diane and her family. Our parents are probably reliving good times together in heaven. Kitty & Gary Boylan

Kitty Boylan - November 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Gladys was always a warm and loving person to me. I spent many days of my childhood with Gladys's daughter Diane. I have very fond memories of the Walt, Gladys and Diane. Gladys will be missed.

Julie (Dunker) Tubbesing - November 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Diane and Family*

Your Mother is a very special friend to my Mother, Irene. I know they shared many special times and I am very thankful for their friendship, especially after my Mother lost my Dad. Your Mom will be missed!

Gerald Stover - November 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Hi Diane...I can't make it to the funeral, but was sorry to hear about your mother.

Marilyn Cain - November 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Gladys was a special lady and will always be remembered for the kindness and love she showed to us. We know that she took wonderful care of our father, Walter, during the 52 years of their married life. Our visits with them were always enhanced by her thoughtfulness to make us feel welcome. We are so glad that we had the opportunity to visit with Gladys, Dianne, and Garey in June of this year.

We know that Dianne and Garey have a lot of support from their family and friends in Minnesota during this sad time, and for that we are very appreciative.

Linda Pol and Mary Hodgkins - November 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Diane, Mom and Dad, Harold and Sophy Piepkorn, thought the world of your mother. You are in my prayers. Know that she is with our Lord. Jani

Jani Heins - November 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM