



Goldie Smith

January 26, 1917 - April 20, 2009

Goldie F. Smith, 92, of Wadena, MN passed away April 20, 2009 at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena, with family at her side. Goldie was born January 26, 1917 at Albert Lea to Charles and Gertie (DeVilbiss) Batterson. She married Leonard Smith in Staples on July 5, 1935. This union was blessed with 5 daughters. Goldie and Leonard farmed in the Wadena area until they moved to town in 1971. Goldie enjoyed farming, gardening, dancing, cooking, playing cards with friends and neighbors, and in later years, at Wadena Senior Citizens Center. She was also very active in the neighborhood's Homemakers Club. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. Survivors include 4 daughters, Glorine (Ray) Rosler of Minneapolis, Joyce (Ken) Leslie of Alexandria, Shirley (Duane) Kneisl of Bertha, and Carol (Denny) Rude of Wadena; 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren; and sister Mary Utermarck of WA. Goldie was preceded in death by her loving husband Leonard; mother and father, Charles and Gertie; daughter, Betty Jean; grandchildren Jeff and Jackie Leslie of Alexandria; great-grandchild Aaron Kneisel of Bertha; 3 brothers; and 1 sister. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, April 23, 2009 in the United Methodist Church in Wadena with Pastor Shirley Nelson officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be all of Goldie's grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Mike, Brad, and Steve Kneisl, Scott and Jim Rude, Mike Rosler, Rick Schoenrock, and Jim Swedberg. Interment will be in the Wadena Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“*Joyce and family - I remember Joyce's mother from high-school days and being with Joyce. She was certainly a blessing for her family and I offer my sincere condolences to all of you. May God bless you during this time of grieving and remember of her great life.*

Betty Sue Heather Taylor - April 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“*Joyce --*

My HEARTFELT SYMPATHY to you on the passing of your mother. May God give you and your family the spiritual strength to get through this time of grieving. May she rest in peace.
Jim

Jim Stach - April 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM