



Gwen Ford

June 18, 1913 - June 4, 2009

Gwendolyn “Gwen” Myrtle (Hoffmeister) Ford, of Staples, and formerly of Wadena was born on June 18, 1913 to Charles Herman and Ethel Mae (Rakerd) Hoffmeister in Jackson County, near Brewster, MN. She passed away, at age 95, on June 4, 2009 in Staples. Gwen graduated as class Valedictorian from Park Rapids High in 1931. She attended nurses training at Wesley Hospital in Wadena, graduating as Valedictorian with the Nursing Class of 1934. She worked as a Registered Nurse until her retirement in 1975. Gwen was united in marriage with Keith Wesley Ford on November 16, 1935 until his death in March 1981. She was active in her church, teaching Sunday School and leading youth groups. She and Keith were on the Church Board and served in the Men’s Club and Ladies Society, along with being 4-H leaders. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, reading, and working crossword puzzles. Gwen was preceded in death by her husband, Keith; her parents, Charles and Ethel; and an infant brother. She is survived by her sons, Keith (Carol) Ford of Staples, and Bruce (Marlys) Ford of Cushing; and daughter, Carol (LeRoy) Dahlvang of Aldrich; 7 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great-grandchildren; and sister, Verjorie Hoffmeister-Seely of Escondido, CA. Funeral services were held on Monday, June 8, 2009 in the Central Methodist Church in rural Verndale with Reverend Chuck Horsager officiating. Interment was in the Wadena Cemetery. Pallbearers were Dwain Ford, Leon Dahlvang, Bryan Dahlvang, Bryan Eggers, Bryce Eggers, Joe Ford, and Tony Lansing.

Tribute Wall

KF

“ *I still can't believe she's gone...
I remember stopping by grandma's house to visit and always
looking at (laughing at) the pictures in the hallway and playing the
piano. Memories of Great Grandma will be with us forever, as we
continue to use her famous phrases, remember good times, and
miss her!
"Oh, for the stars!"
Love ya Grandma!*

Kae Ford - June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I was sad to hear of Grandma Ford's death. Throughout high
school, she was like a second grandmother to me. She was so kind
and thoughtful. She welcomed me into her home, and I will always
be grateful for the time I was able to spend with her. I will always
remember her gentle smile and soft laugh... and her homemade
cookies and meatloaf!*

*My thoughts are with her friends and family in this time of loss. I
hope knowing she had a full life, and that everyone has such fond
memories of her will provide some comfort.*

Dirk Thompson - June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I will love you forever.*

Jody (Ford) Schmiede - June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Grandma will be missed! It was always so fun to see her excitement when we came to visit. I'm sure she will be telling Grandpa there are two little boys to carry on the Ford Name. Cameron Keith Ford and Carter Joseph Ford. (Sons of Joe and Alissa Ford, Grandsons of Dwain and Sheryl Ford and Great-Grandsons of Keith and Carol Ford)*

Sheryl Ford - June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *The world lost another really good person with passing of Gwen. She was an excellent OB nurse and a good co worker. I will miss her. Donna Trana*

Donna Trana - June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM