



Harriet Pokorney

April 17, 1920 - June 11, 2009

Funeral services for Harriet Wilma Pokorney were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bertha with Reverend Blake Rickbeil presiding. Harriet passed away at the age of 89 years on June 11, 2009 at the Tri-County Hospital in Wadena. Harriet was born on April 17, 1920 to Erwin and Edna (Erdmann) Ehlke of Oak Valley Township. She graduated from high school and attended St. Cloud Teachers College. She was united in marriage with Charles George Pokorney on June 25, 1944 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bertha and together they operated the family farm near Wrightstown. In addition to caring and providing a home for her own family, Harriet served her community as a teacher, daycare provider and foster grandparent. Most knew her simply as Grandma Harriet. She also worked as a cosmetologist. She served her church as a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church's Ladies Aid. During her quiet time, she enjoyed gardening, cooking, sewing and quilting. She also enjoyed entertaining in her home. Harriet was preceded in death by her husband Charles on May 26, 1970; parents Erwin and Edna; daughter Rosemary Ann Wade on January 23, 1986; and sisters Erna Hartung and Rosemary Beebe. She is survived by her daughters Beth (Merle) Kassube of Maple Grove and KayLynn (Mike) Pokorney of Lino Lakes; son John (Judy) of Bertha; 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Violet Wohlert of Wadena; and 10 nieces and nephews. Honorary pallbearers were Ryan Wade and Beth Wade. Pallbearers were Patrick Pokorney, Jeff Pokorney, Hope Kassube, Hillary

Kassube, Devin Pokorney and Jordan Pokorney. Interment was in the St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery at Bertha.

Tribute Wall

RW

“ We all miss Harriet and we will miss all her little notes that she would send us. She kept us in the loop as to what everyone was doing. Her quick little phone calls to say hi and to get a quick update from us. We all enjoyed the candy eggs she would make and send us for Easter, making sure that Ryan and Beth had something sweet. I guess now it may be our turn to make the candy eggs and pass them down to our grandkids Lanie Jo and Becca Jane. Thanks for the memories Harriet, we will always have them in our hearts.
Love Roger and Renee Wade

Roger & Renee Wade - June 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ I know you probably don't remember me, I am Joyce Greenwaldts daughter, I didn't find out about your mom till after the funeral, and I just want to tell you how sorry I am, she was such a beautiful woman. I got to know Harriet very well, we rode with each other to Wadena Technical College, for at least a year. I had just graduated from high school, and I remember your mom saying to me that maybe I'm just to old to be doing this, and I kept telling her that she wasn't and she would do just fine, and she sure did. She did very well for herself. She was such a loving and caring person, she will be missed very much. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Blessings Always! Kathy

kathy derby - June 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Over the years many wonderful and humorous stories have been shared about Harriet Pokorney. Although we never had the direct pleasure to meet we did correspond accidentally via email. The compassion, determination, sense of family and caring nature shine brightly in her daughter Kay. From all accounts Harriet will be sadly missed by all those that knew and loved her from family to the entire community. Our deepest condolences to the family.

D Anlauf - June 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM