



Idell Potratz

December 6, 1921 - July 27, 2005

Idell Henrietta Potratz was born to Henry and Mabel (Bishop) Gossell on the farm at Stowe Prairie Township, Todd County, MN, on December 6, 1921. She graduated from high school. Idell married Paul Potratz on May 9, 1943. In addition to work at home, she worked at the Potratz store and later worked many years as an assistant activities director at Shady Lane Nursing Home (Fair Oaks Lodge) in Wadena, MN. She was active with the Trinity Lutheran Church Ladies Aide, the Hewitt Senior Citizens, the Hewitt "What-Not-Club" and the Hewitt Historical Museum. She enjoyed her flowers and tending her garden, as well as quilting. Idell passed away suddenly on Wednesday, July 27, 2005 while at Staples, MN. Idell was preceded in death by her husband Paul on September 28, 1994; her parents Henry and Mabel Gossell; infant daughter Iola and sister Lone Snyder. She is survived by her son Leon (Karen) Potratz of Elk River, MN; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 30, 2005 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Hewitt with Reverend Blake Rickbeil presiding. Pallbearers were Dean Potratz, Bill Whiting, Kris Kyar, Kevin Kyar, Dave Kyar and Arlan Pearson. Interment was in the Greenlawn Cemetery in Verndale, MN. [View this Videotribute](#)

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“ *Leon and Karen,*

sorry to hear about your mother.

Rita and Allen

Rita and Allen Zepper - July 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Leon & Karen,*

Sorry to hear about Leon's Mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May you find comfort in the thoughts of family and friends.

Janice Joyce - July 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM