



## Ivis Mitchell

September 28, 1933 - March 23, 2012

Funeral services for Ivis Donna Mitchell of Hewitt and formerly of Minneapolis were held at 2:00PM on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at the Domian-Anderson Funeral Home in Bertha with Pastor Keith Puglisi of the New Song Alliance Church of Grand Rapids presiding. Ivis passed away at the age of 78 years on Friday, March 23, 2012, at the Tri County Hospital in Wadena. Ivis was born on September 28, 1933 at Bertha to August and Julia (Chase) Branstner. She graduated from Hewitt High School in 1952 and soon after moved to Minneapolis to work with the Our Own Hardware Corporation. She was united in marriage with Gary Lee Mitchell at the Highland Park Church in Minneapolis on November 5, 1954. They made their home in Minneapolis. For health reasons, she returned to the community of her birth in 2010 and moved into the Peaceful Valley Home in Hewitt which is operated by her son and daughter-in-law Rick and Juanita. She then had the opportunity to spend every day with her special brother John whom she had taken special care of for many years. Ivis was a homemaker and was always entertaining company from near and far. She was active in her North Minneapolis community as an election judge for over 40 years and was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary. She had a beautiful flower garden and loved caring for it. Ivis was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Gary; parents August and Julia Branstner; sisters Bernice Branstner, Judith Branstner, Marie Folkestad, Viola Hauser, and Pearl Ford; brothers Loyd and John; and brothers-in-law Hermie Trosen, Howard Folkestad, Eugene Hauser and Ben

Krug. She is survived by her children Rick (Juanita) of Hewitt and Vickie (Roger) Faulkingham of Oak Grove; grandchildren Luke (Kellie) Mitchell of Hewitt, Melissa (Justin) Werth of Nowthen, Matthew Faulkingham of Oak Grove, and Michael Mitchell of Hewitt; great-grandchildren Cameron Mitchell, Cadence Werth, Taylor Mitchell and Maverick Werth; sisters Verlie (Alvin) Miller of Minneapolis, Nadine Krug of California, Alice Trosen of Verndale, Lila (Hugh) McFarlane of Minneapolis, Orpha (Larry) Carlson of Arizona, and Ruby Hughes of Hutchinson; brother Bill (Glenda) of Oklahoma; sister-in-law Elvira Branstner of California; brother-in-law Frank Ford of Aitkin; and many nieces and nephews as well as great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews. She is also survived by family friends Avonne Brown and Carol (Lawrence) Pugsley; friend and roommate at Peaceful Valley Home Carrie Amdahl; family dog Amy, her best friend; the Peaceful Valley Home staff: Martina Hendrickson, Jackie Allen and Carol Pugsley; and especially Jayla Allen and Hannah Bartylla, her two special girls that brought her much love and joy when they visited. Honorary pallbearers were Cameron Mitchell, Cadence Werth, Taylor Mitchell, Maverick Werth, Jayla Allen and Hannah Bartylla. Pallbearers were Matthew Faulkingham, Luke Mitchell, Michael Mitchell, Justin Werth, Melissa Werth and Kellie Mitchell. Interment was in the Crystal Lake Cemetery in Minneapolis.

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ I have wonderful memories of Aunt Ivis. My earliest memory of her is about the time of her marriage to Uncle Gary. (Gary was one of the funniest people I ever met -- he dressed up as Santa at Grandpa's and Grandma's and gave us one of our more memorable Christmas ever.)

*Ivis had the Branstner compassion for others. She loved her family. We will all miss her.*

*I love you Ivis and I look forward to seeing you and all Grandpa's family again!*

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**Morris Miller** - March 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Ivis I will always remember you as a special lady in my life and a very close friend. We watched on as your kids dated & married. As of late I think we even became closer as we shared together about our late husbands that went on before us. I have a big hole in my life now that you are gone. I will miss having you come stay for a few days now and then so we could eat together, have a luncheon with Carol Lassila and Joannie Bakken. They watch Gaither videos together and talk about the Lord and how good he is .

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**carol pugsley** - March 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I always thought you were an angel that walked with us here on earth..now you will walk with them in heaven. You once told me you promised your mother you would watch over her babies for her. I'm sure by now she has told you herself that you did an excellent job. My mom, your sister Ruby is very sad to see you go, but we know that you're not alone. I'm sure your sisters and brothers welcomed you with open arms when you arrived. And finally you will have your husband at your side again. I can see you two smiling big now. Many people will miss your smile Ivis, but may you finally rest in peace.

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**McCoy Family** - March 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ I remember when I would come to visit and sit around the breakfast nook and have the most wonderful visits....and I loved the red tile floor in the kitchen. You had charm and I loved your smile, but more than anything I remember your compassion for others....I felt loved and at home when I came to visit you and Uncle Gary and you took me upstairs in the attic and showed me your treasures hidden underneath the eaves. I love you and will miss you...but you are now home and in the arms of others that have gone before you...and they now are laughing along with you at you sit at the table and share stories of those times of when together here on earth. Love ya,  
your niece Debra

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**Debra** - March 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Orpha, Please accept my heartfelt sympathy. May God lessen your loss and keep you healthy and safe. Happy Easter to you and your family.

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**Sally Schaffhausen** - March 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *My dearest Mother- Ivis.  
thank you for always loving me ever since Vickie brought me home  
with her Christmas Day, 1971. I was very blessed to have two  
mothers in my life, and am all the better for it.  
I miss all the visits we had, gathered in your kitchen at that  
wonderful table.*

*To my little sister Vickie. I love you and know the depth of your grief  
as I feel it with you. You can count on me for anything you need.*

*Ricky and Juanita- thank you for the wonderful care you've given  
your mom. I am glad you had the time to spend with her and  
memories to make.*

*To Melissa, Matt, Luke and Michael- Cadence, Maverick, Cameron  
and Taylor. you've been blessed with the greatest grandparents  
anyone could have. They loved you and were always so proud of  
you.*

*Love- Judi*

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**Judi (Manley) Stocker** - March 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

OC

“ Dear sister Ivis,  
My heart is full of joy for you and Gary!! I know I will miss having you near me..but I didn't get to speak with you often during these past months...though I tried frequently. I love you so much!! Now I know you are having precious time and peace with Gary. He loved you so much and missed having you near him. I talked to him often..as he was busy trying to keep house,wash clothes, cook and do dishes,etc. He so enjoyed going to church, and talked about it so often. But he missed you more than anything he ever had..I prayed for both of you everyday...God is good..and you two are finally together. Love you both,  
Sister, Orpha

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**Orpha Carlson** - March 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Thinking of you in time of sorrow.

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**John & Mary Allen** - March 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Ivis

*I love you and will miss you very much. At least now my calls to you will not be blocked anymore.*

*Love Ruby*

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**Ruby Hughes** - March 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM