



## Lillie Marten

February 29, 1908 - May 10, 2004

Lillie Gertrude Marten was born on February 29, 1908 in Burke County, North Dakota to John and Florence (Luckman) Homiston. She attended country school in Burke County. Lillie was united in marriage with Otto Henry Marten in Burke County on February 28, 1928. They moved to the Bertha area in 1943 and resided there until moving to the Central Todd County Care Center in Clarissa, Minnesota in 1996. Otto passed away on March 9, 2000. Lillie was a typical farm woman of her time. Her life revolved around her family and the farm. She cooked, sewed clothes that needed to be made or repaired, created quilts and worked her garden and the chores that needed to be done. She was a "Mama Bear" and was very protective of her "bear cubs". Service is the word that best describes her and the women of her time. She was loyal and a caretaker of family and friends. Over the years, she cared for her mother and great aunt and other members of her family who came to stay with her while they were in transition. She would sacrifice herself and her needs for the needs of her family. She was active in her church as a member of the Methodist Ladies Guild and later in life became active with the Hewitt Senior Citizens. Lillie passed away on Monday, May 10, 2004 at the Central Todd County Care Center in Clarissa. She was 96 years old. Lillie was preceded in death by her husband Otto; parents John and Florence Homiston; son Luverne; brothers Charles, Roy and Lloyd; and sisters Elizabeth and Mary. She is survived by her sons Dwaine (Mureen) of Moscow, Idaho and Dwight of Anoka, Minnesota; grandchildren John Marten, Vickie Reaves and Michele

Swanson; 6 great grandchildren; brother-in-law Adolph Marten; sisters-in-law Esther Homiston, Patricia Marten and Dorothy Babka; and many nieces and nephews. Pallbearers for Lillie's funeral were Allen Holmquist, David Holmquist, Peter Holmquist, John Marten, Rodney McCartney and Mervin Stork. Interment was in the Peace Evangelical Cemetery in Bertha Township, Minnesota