



Marian Eskeli

November 16, 1918 - March 30, 2009

Marian Signe Eskeli was born on November 16, 1918 to August and Amanda (Laurenon) Sillanpaa in New York Mills, MN. She passed away on March 30, 2009, at age 90, at the Elder's Home in New York Mills. Marian was united in marriage to Chester Bagdons on September 20, 1936 in Wadena. Chester passed away in June 1981. Marian later married Leonard Eskeli in September 1991. They lived in Wadena and later moved to New York Mills, remaining friends after their divorce in 1999. She belonged to the Wadena Assembly of God Church and Eye to Eye. She had a talent for making the best pies, growing flowers, and telling stories to the children. She loved to sing and spend time with her family. She was very active in her church, serving as President of the Ladies Group and taught Sunday School for 23 years. Marian was dedicated in visiting the elderly and shut-ins. Marian was preceded in death by her first husband, Chester; her parents, August and Amanda; brothers, Arnie, William, and Edwin Sillanpaa; and sisters, Ina Karvonen, Lena Arvo, Gertrude Oja, Esther Koskela, Edna Hepola, and Hazel Smith. She is survived by daughters, Darlene (Gene) Hosner of Wadena, Bonnie (Robert) Tapley of of Pahokee, Fl, and Carol (Leon) Rasmussen of Mankato; 9 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM in the Assembly of God Church in Wadena with Reverend Allen Refsland officiating. Honorary Pallbearers were granddaughters Nancy Wilkins, Kristi Ice, Wendy Molitor, Stefanie Kittelson, and Leanne Kaufenberg. Active pallbearers were Scott Tapley, Randy

Rasmussen, Lee Rasmussen, Aaron Rasmussen, John Wilkins, and Brad Ice.

Tribute Wall

BT

“ *Darlene and all of your family, I extend my sincere condolences and sympathy for the loss of your Mother. It seems like she had a long and good life but it is always difficult to part with your Mother. God Bless all of you!*

Betty Sue Heather Taylor

Betty Sue Taylor - March 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *Darlene - I am thinking of you and praying for your peace and comfort as you go through this time of trial. We know that Jesus is with you and that He knows your pain - He will comfort you. Sincere condolences to you and your family.*

God Bless You

Betty

Betty Sue Taylor - March 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Darlene --*

My heartfelt sympathy on the passing of your mother. May she rest in peace. Hang on to the memories -- they will be your best friend.

Jim

Jim Stach - March 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM