



## Martha Johnson

May 13, 1916 - April 21, 2005

Martha Rose Johnson, age 88 of Long Prairie and formerly of Minneapolis, passed away at the Long Prairie Memorial Home in Long Prairie, MN on April 21, 2005. Martha Rose was born on May 13, 1916 at Pisek, ND to Albert and Marie (Kafka) Kotaska. She was united in marriage with James Hartke and they had one son, William in 1947. They lived in Granite Falls until James' untimely death. Working in Minneapolis, Martha met Rueben Vernon Johnson and he proposed to her in the middle of the dance floor at the Medina Ballroom. They were united in marriage in 1968 at the Big Canoe Lutheran Church in Iowa. While he worked at Dalton Gear Company and drove truck, she worked in the packaging department of Heinrich Envelope Company. After Reuben passed away on November 22, 1994, she relocated to Long Prairie. Martha was an accomplished seamstress and made clothing for herself and Rueben. She also enjoyed gardening and grew beautiful flowers. But above all, she enjoyed spending her weekends fishing with Rueben. Martha was preceded in death by her husbands James Hartke and Rueben Johnson; parents Albert and Marie Kotaska; son Bill a few years ago and sister Agnes. She is also preceded in death by her parents-in-law Lloyd and Ella Johnson; brothers-in-law Glen Johnson, Merl Johnson and Walter Johnson; and sisters-in-law Clara Johnson and Erma Larson. She is survived by her brother-in-law Roy Johnson and sisters-in-law Margaret Bowers, Gladys Runge, Esther Johnson, Millie Larson, Jeanette Goff and Janice Peterson. Interment was in the Hope Cemetery in Eagle Bend. View this Videotribute