



Martha Nokes

May 28, 1921 - April 3, 2010

Memorial services for Martha Alida Nokes of Bertha were held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bartlett Township, rural Verndale, with Reverend Robin Collins of Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples presiding. Martha passed away at the age of 88 years on Saturday, April 3, 2010, at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud. Martha was born on May 28, 1921 to Theodore and Meta (Koester) Groska at their home near Bertha, MN. She graduated from Bertha High School and worked for many years as a nurses aid at the Theil Hospital in Bertha, Wesley Hospital in Wadena and the Bertha Memorial Hospital in Bertha. During this time, she studied for her Minnesota State Test to become a Licensed Practical Nurse, which she received on December 14, 1972. She retired from the Tri-County Hospital in Wadena in 1984. Martha was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bartlett Township, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bertha and Trinity Lutheran Church in Hewitt. She became a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples in 2009. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Bertha, Ladies Aid and Bible Study groups with the churches. She was also a Foster Grandmother with the Head Start Program in Bertha. She enjoyed living on the farm where she grew up until she moved into an apartment in Bertha. Martha was preceded in death by her parents Theodore and Meta Groska; two brothers; one sister-in-law; and one great-granddaughter. She is survived by her children Julia (James) Schrader of Avon, William (Gloria) Nokes of Bertha, Dwight Nokes of Bertha and Marsha

(Theodore Sr.) Black of Verndale; grandchildren, step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law; and many nieces and nephews. Honorary pallbearers were Martha's grandchildren, step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren. Interment was in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Bertha Township.

Tribute Wall

KE

“ Thank you for the privilege of taking care of your mother and allowing us to be a part of her life. She was a wonderful lady and we will truly miss her.

Kathy, Amy Erin - April 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Bill and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. It is never easy to lose a parent, no matter how old you are. There are many memories over the years. Know that we are thinking of you.
Bill and Mary Beth

Mary Beth Schmidt - April 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ To Martha's Family,

I worked with your mom at Tri County Hosp. She was such a caring nurse and I knew the pain she was working in her last months at work. I connected with her several months ago and we had such a nice visit on the phone.
She is at peace and I cherish my friendship with her. PEACE

Bonnie Schlecht - April 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *May you find peace and love in the memories you cherish of your Mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.*

Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

Judy Jasmer - April 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Nokes family,
We will miss visiting Martha at the nursing home. She was a kind lady. We got to know Martha when Grandma Virginia Grund was at the nursing home, and we continued visiting Martha after grandma passed away.*

She will be missed.

*Kiara
Klaire*

klaire & kiara Storry - April 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *I got to know Martha through Area Christian Singles group. So sorry for your loss*

Julia Peery - April 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *I remember Martha from the 80,s. She was a very hard working nurse and took good care of her patients. It was always fun to work with Martha. She cared for her family and talked about you often. She will be missed by many. JoAnn*

JoAnn Reineke - April 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM