



Mary Burke

November 7, 1926 - July 21, 2012

The Mass of Christian burial for Mary Jane Burke of Randall and formerly of Wadena was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Father Donald Wagner presiding. Mary passed away at the age of 85 years on Saturday, July 21, 2012 at the Lutheran Care Center in Little Falls. Mary was born on November 7, 1926 to Edward and Esther (Smith) Peterson at their home in Wing River Township in Wadena County. She was united in marriage with John Leo Burke on December 15, 1949 in the rectory at St. Ann's. While in Wadena, they both worked at the Peterson-Biddick Company and then operated the Bluegrass Store through the 60's. In 1969, they moved to Royalton where they owned and operated the Royalton Grocery Store into the 80's. After selling the store they retired in Randall. She kept her hands busy crocheting, knitting, doing embroidery and other handiworks. She enjoyed the company of her cats and dogs. She also amazed her family by her ability to learn and keep up with technology, using her computer and cell phone with ease. Mary truly enjoyed visiting with her family, especially with her nieces and nephews. Mary was preceded in death by her husband Leo on November 6, 2004; parents Edward and Esther; brothers Arnold Peterson, Russel Peterson and Glen Peterson; and sisters Geneva Peterson and Margaret Hess. She is survived by her sister Vera Bounds of Wadena and numerous nieces, nephews and their families. Pallbearers were Aaron Rongen, Aaron Goeden, Lyle Goeden, Rick Schwartz, Patrick Murray and Ryan Schwartz. Interment was in the Calvary

Cemetery in Wadena.