



## Mary Nelson

July 14, 1926 - March 2, 2003

Mary Ann Schmith was born to her parents Nicholas & Emma Schmith on July 14, 1926 in Wadena. She passed away at home surrounded by her family on Sunday morning. Mary Ann was active in her church and in the community. She was a member of the Resurrection Choir, Christian Mothers, Reach for Recovery - American Cancer Society and the Wadena City Library. She has lived in Wadena her entire life. She enjoyed gardening, painting and working with her crafts. Mary Ann was united in marriage to Bruce Howard Nelson on Oct. 6, 1947 in St. Ann's Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, Nicholas and Emma; brother Kenneth and a sister Marcella. She is survived by her husband Bruce; sons Steve (Janice) of Wadena, Scott of River Falls, WS, Wayne of Minneapolis, David (Janet) of Edina; daughters Connie (Mike) Kelley of Minneapolis, Marilyn (Chuck) Morgan of Eagan, Shirley (Geoff) Williams of Brainerd, Judy (Rod) Spahn of Burnsville; 19 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren (expected in the spring); brothers Andrew Schmith of Aldrich, Sylvester Schmith of Wadena, Francis Schmith of Brainerd; sisters Beatrice Larson of Wadena and Betty Bigelow of Colorado Springs, CO. All of her children served as her pallbearers and her grandchildren served as honorary pallbearers. Burial will take place in the Wadena Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

KB

“ Just to let you know my heart and prayers are with you Shirley, and your family during this difficult time. We are praying for you.  
Kathleen

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**Kathleen Bergerud** - March 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Mary Ann’s legacy lives on through her wonderful family. David, your mother has to have been very proud of you and your brothers and sisters. You can be at peace knowing that she lived her dreams.

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**David Bau** - March 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Shirley,  
I just wanted you to know I am praying for you during this difficult time. May God be close to you and your family and give all of you comfort.

*Pastor Boone*

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**Pastor Mark Boone** - March 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ May you find strength, and love, in knowing that you are in all of our thoughts and prayers.

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**Cinde and Kevin Baron** - March 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Shirl,  
Our thoughts are prayers are with you and your entire family...words  
cannot express how sorry we are for your loss. She is now an angel  
above watching over you. With Love, Keith & Kim*

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**Keith & Kim Bachman** - March 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *TO THE FAMILY,  
WE WISH ALL THE BEST AS IT CAN BE AND GRIEVE WITH  
YOU FOR YOUR LOSS. PLEASE KNOW THAT WE ARE  
THINKING OF YOU AND PRAYING FOR YOUR PEACE AND THE  
ACCEPTENCE THAT THERE IS A BETTER PLACE THAT WE ALL  
GO TO. OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU.....*

*LOVE, THE SWANSONS*

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**craig and tamara swanson and family** - March 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM