



## Mary Spahn

April 7, 1926 - July 23, 2005

Mary Louise Genevieve Krips was born to her parents Hubert & Mary (Goetzinger) Krips on April 7, 1926 in Wadena. She passed away on July 23rd at the Central Todd County Care Center in Clarissa. Mary was united in marriage to Peter Bernard Spahn on June 19, 1945 in the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena. They lived in Wadena and also farmed north of town. In 1950 they moved to a farm near Bertha. In 1968 they returned to Wadena where she worked at the Ben Franklin store for 17 years. After Pete's death on Dec. 23, 1995 she moved back to Bertha. While in Wadena she was a member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary, the Christian Mothers, a charter member of "Reach to Recovery" of the American Cancer Society and served as a Pink Lady volunteer at Tri-County Hospital. She enjoyed many crafts including painting, caning furniture, sewing, crocheting and embroidery. She loved her time spent in the flower garden. Mary was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; sisters Gen Vassar, Florence Koch, Irene Hoffman, Frances Tigges & Dorothy Lorenz; brothers Clarence and James Krips. She is survived by her daughter Rebecca (Don) Jackson of Eagle Bend; sons Thomas (Janet) of Park Rapids and Rodney of Burnsville; grandchildren Christopher, Chad & Allison Spahn, Stephanie Carlson, Angi Doble, Reggie, Gregory and Amy Jackson, and Ashley Spahn; 7 great-grandchildren; brothers Leo of Havelock, Iowa, Jack of Williston, ND and Joe of Wadena; sister Helen Hoffman of Wadena. Burial will take place in the Calvary Cemetery in Wadena following the services. View this Videotribute



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“ I just wanted to tell everyone that I wish I could have been there for Grandma's wake and funeral. She has constantly been in my thoughts and prayers these past few weeks, along with all of you. There were a few things that just didn't work out in order to get home. It was a very hard decision to make. It is so hard to be so far away and still try to say goodbye to Grandma. I am really fortunate, however, to have been able to have seen her the day I left, to travel back to Las Vegas. Grandma really left me with a very funny memory that I will never forget...so I am fortunate for that I guess. Lately when I have been thinking about her, I just can't stop laughing about what she said to me...and I know she would want me to laugh and have happy thoughts of her. I wish I were there to say goodbye...

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**Allison Spahn** - July 23, 2005 at 12:00 AM