



Phyllis Deiss

September 16, 1927 - September 26, 2003

Phyllis Irene Deiss, of Wadena and formerly of Verndale and Chamberlain, SD, was born on Sept. 16, 1927 to Joy and Ruth (Whitney) Cross at Alexandria, South Dakota. Phyllis passed away Sept. 26, 2003 at the age 76 years at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena. Phyllis married Oscar Deiss on Feb. 16, 1949 at Pierre, S.Dak. Phyllis was a hospital billing representative for 40 years for the Community Bailey Hospital in Chamberlain, SD and the Lakewood Health System in Staples. Phyllis and Oscar have resided in this area for 27 years. Phyllis was a member of the Wadena Whirlaways, Verndale American Legion Auxiliary, and Immanuel Lutheran Church Ladies Aid. Her interests included volunteering, quilting, sewing, gardening, music, reading, walking, canning, sports (especially MN Twins baseball and the MN Gophers), squaredancing, windchimes, and her grandchildren. Phyllis is preceded in death by her parents - Joy and Ruth; sisters - Beverly, Margaret, Ariel, & Mariel; and brothers - Howard, Delbert, & Edward. Phyllis is survived by her husband - Oscar; daughters - Karen (Ken) Carpenter of Verndale and Cathy (James) Christensen of Rochester; son - George (Julie) of Wadena; 6 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; brother - Richard Cross; and sister-in-law - Opal Cross. Memorial services will be held Tuesday (9/30/2003) at 1:00pm at the Immanuel Lutheran Church - Bartlett Township. Interment will be in the Riverview Cemetery in Chamberlain, SD. The Honorary Pallbearers are her grandchildren - Tim Carpenter, Wayne Carpenter, Kari Carpenter, Michael Deiss, Jeffery Deiss, and Elizabeth Christensen.

Tribute Wall

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“ Our favorite memory of Phyllis was when we came to the farm for coffee and coffee cake. We got to know both Oscar and Phyllis a little better that day, since we had just moved here not long before that. We will always remember her friendly smile and her determination for living life, no matter what came her way. We pray God's gifts of comfort and blessing to be upon her family at this time and in the days ahead, - we are praying for you!

Rev. William & Janette Moeller - September 26, 2003 at 12:00 AM