



Retha Nelson

January 13, 1918 - February 18, 2003

Retha Vivian Nelson was born to her parents Charles & Emily (King) Goodpaster on Jan. 13, 1918 in Sauk Centre, Minn. She passed away on Feb. 18th in the Woodhaven Senior Community Center in Brainerd. Retha was united in marriage to Lester Edward Nelson on June 20, 1948 in the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bertha. Retha enjoyed participating in the Sow & Grow Garden Club, the Ladies Aid at church, bowling and the local Birthday Club. Services were held on Fri. Feb. 21st in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eagle Bend with the Rev. Horst Augustin officiating. Pallbearers were Bill Warren, Jeff Warren, Steve Warren, Mike Ahrens, Bruce Oftedahl & Steve Gjerstad. Retha was preceded in death by her husband Lester on April 14, 1974; her parents; brothers Orie, Ray, Howard, Gordon, Chester & Ronald; sisters Mabel, Elenore & Grace; grandson Jeff Nordlund; son in law Bob Nordlund and great granddaughter Marissa. She is survived by her daughter Susan Nordlund of Wadena; son Steve (Carol) of Atwater; 5 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great grandchildren; brothers Larry of Cokato & Roger of Altona, WS and a sister Ruth of Yakama, WA. Burial took place in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Eagle Bend.