



Ruth McKellep

March 11, 1921 - July 1, 2011

Ruth P. McKellep, a long time resident of this area, passed away peacefully on the 1st of July, 2011 at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena, MN. Ruth was born in Wadena to Roy and Ella (Chase) Zosel on March 11, 1921. She was one of 6 children. She grew up and attended school in Wadena, graduating in 1939. On March 15, 1941 Ruth married Robert (Stan) McKellep of Hewitt, MN. Ruth worked as a bookkeeper much of her life, but raising her family was what she loved the most. She was very talented with hand work, including knitting, sewing, cross stitch, and she loved to play bingo. She loved her family and was always happy when she could spend time with them. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Hewitt, MN, where she sang in the choir. She was a member of the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary. Ruth loved to travel and often visited her daughter in California and Arizona. Ruth was preceded in death by her parents Roy and Ella Zosel; baby daughter Jane McKellep and sons Thomas McKellep and Phillip McKellep; sisters Elizabeth Seaton, Joyce Hess, Helen Holderbach; Donna Smith and her brother, William Zosel. She is survived by her husband Stan; son Robert (Susan) McKellep of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; daughter Kathy (Bud) Lathrop of Prescott, Arizona; son Scott (Bonita) McKellep; daughter-in-law Yvonne McKellep of Wadena and daughter-in-law Claudia Sue of Sun City, California. Ruth and Stan have 8 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. She was a loving and generous person. She will be remembered for many things, among them her beautiful smile and wonderful sense of humor. A memorial service will be held at the

United Methodist Church in Hewitt, MN. on August 7, 2011 at 2:00
PM. Interment will be at the Wadena Cemetery following the service.

Tribute Wall

CJ

“ I have known Ruth and Stan almost my whole life...We lived across the alley from their family while I was growing up. They were again my neighbors when Dick and I bought my Dad's house...Ruth was a special lady! She taught me a lot about knitting, and if I needed to "borrow" something, she usually had it! Our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Bob, Kathy and Scott and their extended families.....God Bless!
Dick and Cis Johnson

Cicely Richardson Johnson - July 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ We wish to express our sympathy to Ruth's whole family for the loss of a dear mother/grandmother/sister! We know what a wonderful person she was through her daughter, Kathy, our friend. I (Peggy) had the privilege of also viewing her beautiful handwork at Kathy's home. Ruth was an artist with thread! God bless and comfort this family during their grief.

Lorne & Peggy Harmon - July 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I always had a special love for my Auntie Ruthie. My mother and her were best friends and spent a lot of time together while I was growing up. She was like a second mother to me, and I will miss her as much as my I do my own mother. I love you with all my heart,Auntie Ruthie.

Kay Evans - July 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM