



## Verona Freitag

November 6, 1920 - August 22, 2003

Verona Lucille Freitag, "Johnnie," was born on November 6, 1920 at home to Simon and Pauline (Kuka) Peka. Johnnie was united in marriage with Sanford Kuhnke on April 14, 1942 and they farmed outside Bertha until Sanford's death on November 20, 1966. After his passing, she helped at Fraune's Restaurant. Johnnie joined Ray Freitag in marriage on October 14, 1967 at her home. She enjoyed life as a homemaker and enjoyed being outdoors gardening, hunting and fishing. In 1971, she survived a debilitating stroke. She entered the Shady Lane Nursing Home (Fair Oaks Lodge) 10 years ago. Ray passed away in 2001. Johnnie passed away at the Fair Oaks Lodge late August 22nd at the age of 82 years, 9 months and 16 days. Verona was preceded in death by her husbands Sanford in 1966 and Ray in 2001; parents Simon and Pauline; son Robert Kuhnke; brothers Paul, Richard and George; and sisters Ann Johnson, Hattie Kretsch, Tracy Bonker, Emma Piere and Helen Fraune. She is survived by her son Steve Kuhnke and his wife Kathy of Bertha; daughters Kathleen and her husband Herman Wiese of Verndale and Joann and her husband Curtis Messer of Verndale; 12 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren; sisters-in-law Eileen Peka of Glenwood, Edna Becker of Minneapolis and Alice Wood of Wadena; and many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by Ray's children Betty Becker of Wadena and Wallace Freitag of Duluth. Pallbearers are Maichael Bristlin, Mark Bristlin, Donald Bristlin, Kevin Wiese, Roger Wiese, Craig Messer, Shawn Kuhnke, Barry Kuhnke and Darrin Kuhnke. Honorary pallbearers are her 20 great

grandchildren.