



Vivian Bondzin

June 21, 1920 - August 1, 2004

Vivian Stella Bondzin of Fair Oaks Lodge, Wadena, died on Sunday August 1st of cancer at the age of 84 years. Vivian was born on June 21st , 1920 at High Landing on the Crow Wing River in Meadow Township of Wadena County to Ezra and Stella (Stombaugh) Deyo. At the age of 17 days, Vivian moved with her family to Wadena. She attended Wadena schools and graduated from the Normal School in Walker. As a rural school teacher, she taught at schools in Wadena and Otter Tail Counties. Her last school was District 245 in Blowers Township. Vivian met Arthur Bondzin when she boarded at Art's parents' home. The couple was married on June 5th, 1943 at St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena where they remained members their entire life together. Art died in September of 1998. Early on in their marriage, Vivian worked the family farm with Art. She later worked at J.C. Penney's, Ben Franklin's, and Hartz Super Market. Hartz became Larry's Foods and Vivian continued working there until her retirement in 1981. Vivian moved to Humphrey Manor in September of 2002 and to Fair Oaks Lodge on June 30th of this year. She lived her entire life in Wadena. Vivian is preceded in death by her husband, Art; parents, Ezra and Stella; sisters, Hazel and Mabel; and brothers-in-law, Art and Carl Abrahamson. Vivian is survived by her son, Michael and his wife Veronica; granddaughters, Roberta Schmitz (Dan Schultz), Rhonda (Rod) Nelson, Roxanne Kenyon, and Robin (Allen) Hotakainen; great grandchildren, Brittney and Tyler Schmitz, Michaela and Mitchell Nelson, Jodi and Kraig Kenyon, Vandelyn and Cynthia Hotakainen.

Veronica's family adopted Vivian as their Mom and they include Veronica's sister, eight brothers, and their spouses; Veronica's children, Delano (Doreen) Schultz and Angela (Joe) Brumbaugh; and Veronica's grandchildren, Danielle and Denise Schultz, Cody and Caitlin Brumbaugh. Vivian will also be missed by nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, friends, and neighbors.