



Vivian Kelsey

July 13, 1899 - December 25, 2005

Vivian Lawrence was born to her parents George Albert & Mary Catherine (Reeve) Lawrence on July 13, 1899 in Ironton, Wisconsin. She passed away early on Christmas morning at the Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena. At an early age the family went to live in South Dakota where she grew to young womanhood. In her sixteenth year the family came to Minnesota to live, residing in Wing River Township. There she finished high school and met and married Roderic Townsend. They were the parents of two children, Robert and Jeane. Vivian worked as a bookkeeper and office manager of the Wadena County Highway Department for fourteen years. In 1945 she was married to Clyde E. Kelsey of Wadena. She was a long and faithful member of the United Methodist Church in Wadena. She has been a resident of Humphrey Manor for 24 years until she moved to Fair Oaks Lodge in 2003. Vivian was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters and three brothers; her husband Clyde and one granddaughter, Margaret Zosel. She is survived by her son Robert Townsend of Atlanta, GA; daughter Jeane (Robert) Zosel of Wadena; 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren; three step-children Evelyn Burke of El Paso, TX, Clyde Kelsey Jr. of Lubbock, TX and Robert Kelsey of Midland, TX. Officiating at the memorial service will be Rev. Larry Hager. Burial will take place in the Wadena Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ Rarely in life does one have the opportunity, honor, and pleasure to meet a Centurion. I had that opportunity to meet "Grams Kelsey" on the occasion of her 105th Birthday. (Her granddaughter, Mary, and I went to college together) When Mary and our other Cottey friends went out to visit "Grams", I asked her what in the world was her secret for living to 105. Her answer "Just don't die!" Each and every time I've told that story, someone smiles. Meeting Grams in 2004 was indeed a highlight in my scrapbook of memories. God bless her.

Mary Ann Erckenbrack - December 25, 2005 at 12:00 AM