



Wilma Wendel

June 11, 1925 - July 26, 2011

Funeral services for Wilma Eldora Wendel of Eagle Bend were held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, July 30, 2011, at the Faith Lutheran Church in Eagle Bend with Pastor Gerry Vuchetich of the Eagle Bend United Methodist Church and Pastor Gary Taylor presiding. Wilma passed away at the age of 86 years on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at the Galeon Community Memorial Home in Osakis, MN. Wilma was born on June 11, 1925 to James and Estella (Hammond) Gadbow at their home in Burleene Township, Todd County, MN. After graduation from high school, Wilma worked in the cities for a while before returning to Eagle Bend. On June 29, 1946, she married Wilfred H. Wendel at the United Methodist Church in Wadena, MN and together they moved onto the third generation Wendel farm in Eagle Valley Township, Todd County. They were blessed with four children: Wayne, Wanda, Wannetta and Wendy. For a few years, Wilma cooked at the Browerville Hospital. When Wayne and Carol took over the farm, they moved to Wilfred's parents home in Eagle Bend. Then she lived at the Greenleaf Apartments in Eagle Bend, the Central Todd County Care Center in Clarissa, MN and the Galeon Community Memorial Home in Osakis. Wilma enjoyed cooking and baking, playing cards and games, and spending time with family especially her grandchildren. She was a member of the United Methodist Church, UMW and Homemakers Group. Wilma was preceded in death by her husband Wilfred on June 12, 1991; her parents James and Estella; and sisters Myra Gadbow, Verna Johnson and Elnora Holt. She is survived by her son Wayne (Carol) of Eagle

Bend; daughters Wanda (Mike) Hommerding of Clarissa, Wannetta (Kevin) Ehnes of Eagle Bend and Wendy (Harley) VanRuler of Long Prairie, MN; nine grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren; brother Arthur (Shirley Maland) Gadbow of Eagle Bend; and sister Myrtle (Wesley) Holt of Long Prairie. Pallbearers were her grandchildren Amy Wendel Spiczka, Rachel Hommerding, Julie Picht, Aaron Wendel, John Hommerding, Scott Johnson, Christopher VanRuler, Sarah Luebben and Laura Hommerding. Interment was in the Eagle Bend Cemetery.