



Mary V. Erickson

December 28, 1923 - March 26, 2011

Mary V. Erickson, age 87, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Saturday, March 26, 2011 at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake. Mary Virginia was born December 28, 1923 to Ulrich "Oley" and Rosa Christina (Mangold) Adams in Farmer City, Illinois. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church and continued to celebrate her faith throughout her life at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Growing up, Mary attended school in Fisher, Illinois, where she graduated high school in 1941. On March 27, 1942 Mary was united in marriage to Morris Eugene Garrett in Riverside, California. This union was blessed with eight children: Sister Ellen Mary, Larry, Mary Beth, Barbara, Robert, Jerome, James, and Teresa. On May 8, 1970 Mary was united in marriage to Leonard Erickson. Mary worked as a cook for many years at the Cobblestone in Storm Lake. She found joy in being outdoors, especially gardening and bird watching. Mary cherished the times she was able to spend square dancing, playing cards, and reading. She had a passion for horses and took great pride in her family. Mary will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Those left to cherish in her memory include her children: Sister Ellen Mary Garrett of Dubuque, Iowa; Mary Beth (August) Erickson of Cherokee, Iowa; Robert (Lan) Garrett of Blue Springs, Missouri; James (Susan) Garrett of Hampton, Iowa; and Teresa (Ellsworth) Jeppeson of Newell, Iowa; seventeen grandchildren; twenty-three great-grandchildren; brothers, Gene (Velta) Adams of Rantoul, Illinois; Frank Adams of Rice, Washington; sisters: Geraldine Burke of Vancouver, Washington; Barbara Adams of Portland, Oregon; and Theresa Hampton of Portland, Oregon; extended family and many friends. Mary was preceded in death by her parents; husbands: Morris Garrett and Leonard Erickson; sons: Larry and Jerome Garrett; daughter, Barbara Rice; and brothers: Stanley, Virgil, and Paul Adams.