



Mathilda "Tillie" Sump

August 31, 1918 - May 22, 2011

Mathilda Sump, age 92, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Sunday, May 22, 2011 in Storm Lake. Mathilda E. Buchholz was born August 31, 1918 in Grant Township Buena Vista County, the daughter of William and Malinda (Hoberman) Buchholz. As an infant, Mathilda was baptized at the Zion Lutheran Church by Reverend Frank Albrecht. She attended Zion Parochial School and was confirmed on March 20, 1932 by Reverend Frank Albrecht. Following confirmation, she helped her parents on the farm until she was united in marriage to Martin Sump on February 7, 1937 at the Zion Lutheran Church by Reverend William Schuelke. Together, they started farming near Truesdale, but in a few years moved to a farm near Zion so their three children could attend the Parochial School. There they resided until they retired and moved to Storm Lake. Mathilda loved being a wife, a mother, and a lover of God's Word. She sang in the church choir for 40 years, taught Sunday school, was a member of Ladies Aid, and a community volunteer. She worked at the Buena Vista County Hospital for 25 years as a Ward Secretary and later helped with E.S.L. Classes. Mathilda enjoyed baking and gardening. She loved sewing and making quilts. Mathilda truly loved her Savior, her husband, her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her main concern was their happiness and that they would all love Jesus. Only through illness did she not attend God's House. Those left to cherish her memory include her daughter, Karen Sump of St. Paul, Minnesota; daughter-in-law, Joyce (Ron) Nehring, of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Candace Sump;

Melissa Cerda; Tracy Denney; Dawn Betsill; seven great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; sisters-in-law, Hattie Sump and Arlene Petersen; extended family and many friends. Mathilda was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Martin Sump; son, Merle; daughter, Shirley; grandchildren: Craig and Tonya; brothers, Arnold and Aaron; and sister, Marie.