



Clare Smith

May 31, 1912 - August 29, 2005

Clare I. Smith, 93, died August 29, 2005 in Fargo, North Dakota. Services will be held at 11:00 AM Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church, Bismarck, with the Rev. Deanna Reikow officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens following the service. Visitation will be from 3:00 to 9:00 PM Wednesday at Eastgate Funeral Service where an Eastern Star service will be held at 7:00 that evening. Visitation will continue for one hour prior to the service at the church. Clare was born May 31, 1912 at Bismarck, ND the daughter of Daniel and Effie Falconer. Effie died when Clare was 5 and Daniel died when she was 12. She was raised by William B. and Kathryn Falconer. She attended Lincoln Township School, junior high at Verendrye, ND, one year of high school in Bismarck, one year in Kintyre, and graduated from Ellendale High School in 1928. She worked her way through Ellendale Teachers College by tutoring Math students. She graduated in 1930. She taught at township schools for several years and then began working at the North Dakota State Penitentiary. On September 11, 1938 she married Robert J. Smith. They resided in Bismarck through their married life. Clare worked for Sears for fourteen years opening the Credit Department. She also worked at Gerlach Sheet Metal for 16 years. She spent many years as a stay at home mom. Clare loved to travel and spend time working at her church. She spent 26 years as secretary for the Eastern Star. Clare loved her family deeply and enjoyed entertaining friends. Clare is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Ralph Botnen; her grandchildren, Nick, Mitchell and Amy; her

nephews, Harry Falconer and Bill Falconer of Bismarck and Don Sivertson of Harlowton, MT; and one niece Dorothy Corlett of Seattle, WA. She was preceded in death by her husband Bob in 1984, her nephew, Donald Falconer, and her niece Hazel Falconer.