



Erna Simpfenderfer

March 6, 1911 - June 3, 2010

Erna Simpfenderfer, 99, Bismarck, died June 3, 2010, at a Bismarck care center. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 11:00 AM at Faith Lutheran Church in Bismarck with Rev. Wes Aardahl officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Monday from 5:00 – 9:00 at Eastgate Funeral Service and will continue on Tuesday one hour prior to the service at the church. Erna was born on March 6, 1911, near Stanton, ND, the daughter of John and Catherine Redman Zieman. She lived on a farm with her parents near Stanton until the spring of 1930 when they moved to a farm northwest of Zap, ND. She worked as a housekeeper in Zap and Beulah. On October 17, 1937, Erna married Fred Simpfenderfer Jr. They lived on a farm northeast of Dodge, ND, until 1946 when they moved to a farm fourteen miles northeast of Bismarck. They farmed there until 1971 when they sold the farm and moved to Bismarck. They were blessed with two children, Leila and Jerome. Erna enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and Canada. She was a charter member of American Lutheran Church, now Faith Lutheran Church, where she was active with the Friendship Circle and Quilting Club. Erna is survived by one daughter, Leila Mount Dana of Bismarck; one son, Jerome JuDee Simpfenderfer of Bismarck; eight grandchildren, Jason Kerri Simpfenderfer of Beulah, Jocelyn Simpfenderfer of Faribault, MN, Jill Simpfenderfer of Bismarck, Tania Alan Murray of Valley Grande, AL, John Mount of Woodbury, MN, Kristopher Mount of New York City, NY, Kerry Mount of Bismarck, and Jolie Mount of Bismarck; two great-

grandchildren, Carson Simpfenderfer of Beulah, and Kate Jay Swanner of Newnan, GA; one great-great-grandchild, Emma Swanner of Newnan, GA; two sisters, Irene Olmstead of Parshall, ND, and Hertha Treude of Spokane, WA; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred; her parents; two sisters, Engelina Maas and Ida Jassman; three brothers, Wilmer, Erwin, and Erhart; and one grandson, Jeffery Mount. Memorials may be given to Faith Lutheran Church Friendship Circle in Bismarck.