



Esther Benham

February 15, 1917 - August 23, 2006

Esther R. Benham, 89, formerly of Bismarck, died August 23, 2006 in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Services will be held 10:00 AM Monday, August 28, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck, with the Rev. Nate Keith officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Bismarck. Visitation will be held from 2-9 PM Sunday at Eastgate Funeral Service. Esther Rose Weiss was born on February 15, 1917, north of Beulah, ND, the daughter of Jacob and Rosalia Aman Weiss. She was raised and educated in Mercer County and moved to Mandan, ND, in 1940. Esther married Thoralf H. Christenson in Mandan on November 1, 1941. Thoralf died in Mandan in January of 1973. Esther married Ernest Benham in June of 1973, and they moved to Bismarck in 1975. Ernest died on May 12, 1994. She relocated to Sartell, MN, in 2005 and resided at Country Manor Apartments and Nursing Home. Esther was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and Ladies Circle, a member and volunteer for both Mandan Golden Age Club and Bismarck Senior Center. She enjoyed sewing, playing cards, reading, and watching television. Esther is survived by her three step-sons and daughters-in-law, LeRoy and Audrey Christenson of St. Paul, MN, Wayne and Marilyn Christenson of Mesa, AZ, and Loren and Terri Christenson of St. Cloud, MN; her son-in-law, Tom Kautzman of Mandan; her five grandsons, Michael and Dean Kautzman, Dr. Wayne Christenson, Jr., Dr. Randy Christenson, and David Christenson, Pharm D; her five granddaughters, Dr. Laura Christenson Kilberg, Gail Nystrom, Shari Rasmusson, Marley Thomas, and Karen Christenson; her three great-

grandchildren; her sister and brother-in-law, Adeline and Kermit Stevens of Black Diamond, WA; and her two brothers and three sisters-in-law, Armen Weiss, Ted and Barbara Weiss, all of Billings, MT, and Olga Weiss of Williston, ND, and Ida Weiss of Glendive, MT. Esther was preceded in death by her parents; her infant son, Jerome Christenson; her daughter, Connie Kautzman; her stepson, Carroll Christenson; her five brothers, Alvin, George, Walter, Reuben, and Rudy Weiss; and her three sisters, Mildred, Irene, and Militia Weiss.

Tribute Wall

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“Grandma always put up with all the stuff I gave out as a rather rambunctious child. She had much patience with me and always had Pearls of wisdom she tried to pass on. I will always remember her for that. I regret that circumstances prohibit my attendance but she will be in my Prayers. Love Randy

Randal L Christenson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM