



Gladys Hellwig

November 18, 1904 - August 10, 2008

Gladys M. Dewalt Hellwig, 103, Bismarck, died August 10, 2008 at the Prairieview Nursing Home, Underwood, ND. Services will be held at 10:30 am Friday at Bismarck Community Church, Bismarck with Rev. Darrel Aleson officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm Thursday at Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck and will continue one hour prior to services at the church. Gladys was born November 18, 1904, in McPherson County, SD, the daughter of George Dewalt Sr. and Rosabell Hart Dewalt. Gladys "Grandma" was the oldest of 14 children. She quit school after the eighth grade to help out on the farm and then when she was 28, her mother died. Since she was the oldest, she took on the difficult task of raising her 13 brothers and sisters, cooking, cleaning and sewing clothes for them out of gunny sacks. She did teach for awhile at Haskins School in South Dakota. In 1935 she married Emanuel Hellwig and in 1940 they made their home in Bismarck. Emanuel died in 1972. Grandma had nine children-eight girls and one boy. Her first child was born when she was 32 years old and she had her ninth child when she was 44. When her youngest child started school, Grandma joined the work force, working as a cook and a baker at Vi's Café and Coffee Cup, which is known today as the Main Bar. She not only raised her own nine children, but several of her grandchildren and great grandchildren spent quite a lot of time at Grandma's house while their parents were working. She was a self-taught organ player and when she would visit family in Bemidji, MN, everyone would gather at the

Moose Club to hear her play. She was a great story teller and she would always tell of when she was younger and Bismarck still had dirt streets, the downtown business people would have to “roll out” their wooden sidewalks every morning and at the end of the day, they would have to “roll them up” again. We never grew tired of listening to those stories. She is survived by five daughters and their spouses, Edna Virgil Smith, Bismarck, ND, Linda Charles Vincent, Bemidji, MN, Della Brilz, Medina, ND, Carol Clifford Rath, Bismarck, ND and Bertha Doug Rittel, Bismarck, ND; one son-in-law, Ken Wrangham; 30 grandchildren; 71 great-grandchildren; 31 great-great grandchildren; six siblings, Elmer Dewalt, Cleo Lee, Edna Reid, Grace Delzer, Florence Sailor and Rose Rohrer; she is also survived by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Rosabell Dewalt; her husband, Emanuel; four children, Audrey, Helen, Charles and Shirley and seven siblings, Orville, Chester, Wilbur, William, George, Irene and Leona. Grandma’s family would like to thank the nurses and doctors at Merit Care Hospital in Fargo and also the staff at the Prairieview Nursing Home in Underwood for all of the loving care they provided.

Tribute Wall

RV

“ I am sorry to hear about grandma her and my daughter miraza had many wonderful memories. Bert is a wonderful daughter to take care of her mother for so many years. My prayers go out to the family

Roni Vick - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Great Grandma will be greatly missed by all. I remeber the times that I had with her and the times I would go over to her house. I remember that she never forgot a face. With Love Shane Wilkens

Shane Wilkens - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

“ We'll love you forever Grandma!!! Please don't be mad at us for crying over losing you. We know that you did not want us to shed tears for you - just happy tears... Grandma ~ I know that you would approve of this Poem, it's sounds so much like you.... To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say...but first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay. I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above. Here, there's no more tears of sadness; here is just eternal love. Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I'm with you every morning, noon and night. That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through, God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you." It's good to have you back again; you were missed while you were gone. As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on. I need you here badly; you're part of my plan. There's so much that we have to do, to help our mortal man. God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do. And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you. And when you lie in bed at night, the day's chores put to flight. God and I are closest to you....in the middle of the night. When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving years because you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears. But do not be afraid to cry; it does relieve the pain. Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain. I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned. But if I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand. But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is o'er. I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before. There are many rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb; but together we can do it by taking one day at a time. It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too...that as you give unto the world, the world will give to you. If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain, then you can say to God at night..... "My day was not in vain." And now I am contented....that my life has been worthwhile, knowing as I passed along the way, I made somebody smile. So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low, just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go. When you're walking down the street, and you've got me on your mind; I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind. And when it's time for you to

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MV

“ *Corrie & Jason and the family:Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your Grandma and Mother. The longevity of her life was simply amazing. She had many family members around her and her love for the piano I wish I could of heard her play. Keep the memories close for many years to your heart. God BlessMarcy & Pat Volk*

Marcy Volk - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ *BABY TALKWHEN I SAW YOU I SMILED. WHEN I WAS ROCKED BY YOU I WAS SOOTHED. I BECAME PART OF THE FAMILY AT BIRTH. IT WAS A LARGE ONE TO. I REMEMBER THE OLD HOUSE AND OUR YOUNG FAMILY. I REMEMBER OLD DADDY, THE THOUGHTS JUST COME OUT OF THE BLUE. NOW YOU. I REMEMBER WHAT I WAS TAUGHT BACK IN MY YOUTH. BY YOUNG AND OLD AND INBETWEEN TO. NOTHING HAS FELT THE SAME WITHOUT YOU WHEN I MOVED. ALL ARE GONE ABOVE ME, UNCLES AND AUNTS STILL LINGER AND TWO BROTHERS YOU KNOW. OH, WHAT WILL I EVER DO. MOODS CHANGE AS THE WIND, AND SNOWS COMING TO. SUFFERINGS AND THIS LIFE HAVE PASSED AND SO HAVE YOU. SLEEP WELL DEAR LOVED ONE AS I TRY TO. SEE YOU AGAIN CUZ THE LORD SAYS HE'S COMING IN GLORY AND WE WILL TO. BYE GRANDMA, AND I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU TO.*

ELLEN WALLEEN - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Although she is no longer on earth with us, her presence is all around us. Whether it is in things we do or say, she influenced us in so many special ways. I feel very blessed to have had her in my life and even more blessed that she was able to spend time watching Haley grow. They developed an incredible bond and every day I see signs of Grandma in her: from the way she calls her stuffed animals "sweethearts" to the way she loves the piano. I will miss you Grandma. But I am comforted in knowing that you are part of us all. I love you.

Jennifer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of "Grandma", even though she was not my Grandma that is what I always knew her as and she was an amazing women. My prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.Love you all!!!!

Tonya Fournier - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Mom, was and will be my best friendforever. I miss her so, as many of youdo. God speed Mom. I will Love YouForever, Bert

Bert - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ The amount of things you have been through and the remarkable ways in which you have reacted is just phenomenal. Love and Miss you!!

Tia Marie Smith - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ The world has lost a truly remarkable woman. Bless you for all the siblings you helped raise when Grandma Dewalt died. You just loved and mothered and grandmothered for 100 years. You will be held so fondly in the hearts of so many many children. "100 years from now it will not matter what kind of house you lived in or what type of car you drove, what will matter is that you were important in the life of a child" God Bless You.

Teresa Sailor Elton - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

“Who can find a virtuous and capable wife? She is worth more than precious rubies! Her husband can trust her, and she will greatly enrich his life. She will not hinder him but help him all her life. She finds wool and flax and busily spins it. She is like a merchant's ship; she brings her food from afar. She gets up before dawn to prepare breakfast for her household and plan the day's work for her servant girls. She goes out to inspect a field and buys it; with her earnings she plants a vineyard. She is energetic and strong, a hard worker. She watches for bargains; her lights burn late into the night. Her hands are busy spinning thread, her fingers twisting fiber. She extends a helping hand to the poor and opens her arms to the needy. She has no fear of winter for her household because all of them have warm clothes. She quilts her own bedspreads. She dresses like royalty in gowns of finest cloth. Her husband is well known, for he sits in the council meeting with the other civic leaders. She makes belted linen garments and sashes to sell to the merchants. She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs with no fear of the future. When she speaks, her words are wise, and kindness is the rule when she gives instructions. She carefully watches all that goes on in her household and does not have to bear the consequences of laziness. Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her: "There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!" Charm is deceptive and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised and she is more precious than rubies!!!! Reward her for all she has done! Let her deeds publicly declare her praise! This is from the Living Bible Proverbs chapter thirty one and verses ten through thirty one! Mrs. Gladys Hellwig told me of a time when times were very tough. She was told by her mother that there was no more food in the house and no more money. It was Thanksgiving Day morning and she had gotten on her knees and prayed in the kitchen. She took her Bible and spoke Deuteronomy 28 verses 1-14 to the open and empty pantry and cabinets and canisters! "If you fully obey the Lord your God by keeping all the commands I am giving you today, the Lord your God will exalt you above all the nations of the world. You will experience all these

blessings if you obey the Lord your God: You will be blessed in your towns and in the country. You will be blessed with many children and productive fields. You will be blessed with fertile herds and flocks. You will be blessed with baskets overflowing with fruit, and with kneading bowls filled with bread. You will be blessed wherever you go, both in coming and in going. The Lord will conquer your enemies when they attack you. They will attack you from one direction, But they will scatter from you in seven directions! The Lord will bless everything you do and will fill your storehouses with grain. The Lord your God will bless you in the land that he is giving you. If you obey the commands of the Lord our God The Lords Ten Commandments and walk in his ways, the Lord will establish you as his holy people as he solemnly promised to do. Then all the nations of the world will see that you are a people claimed by the Lord, and they will stand in awe of you. The Lord will give you an abundance of good things in the land he swore to give your ancestors-many children, numerous livestock, and abundant crops. The Lord will send rain at the proper time from his rich treasury in the heavens to bless all the work you do. You will lend to many nations, but you will never need to borrow from them. If you listen to these commands of the Lord your God and carefully obey them, the Lord will make you the head and not the tail, and you will always have the upper hand. You must not turn away from any of the commands I am giving you today to follow after other gods and worship them." Now she told Gladys to get out the good dishes and the silver and crystal glasses and the best lace table cloth and candles in the brass holders and set

Marlene Gallagher Deibert - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

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have taught us well- that your unconditional love will always bewith
us.

Karen Hartman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM