



Olivia Blum

January 13, 1926 - January 30, 2010

Olivia Blum, 84, Grand Forks, formerly of Bismarck, died January 30, 2010, at Valley 4000 in Grand Forks. Services will be Friday at 11:00AM at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, with Rev. Steve Sathre officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Olivia Klipfel was born January 13, 1926, in McIntosh, Co., near Ashley, ND to Emil and Katherina Rall Klipfel. She was raised and educated in Ashley and graduated in 1944. Olivia moved to Bismarck in 1946, where she was employed as a secretary with the State Hail Insurance Dept. at the capitol, and later the Corp. of Engineers, and First Bank. Olivia married Calvin Blum on September 1, 1957, in Bismarck. She worked for Vocational Rehabilitation for eight years, and retired in 1988 after twelve years with the Highway Dept. In 1996, she moved to Grand Forks, ND to be near her daughter. Olivia was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Bismarck, and volunteered hours of service to St. Alexius Hospital. She enjoyed crocheting and knitting, and produced many beautiful projects with her knitting machine. She liked to camp and loved to read. Olivia is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Kathy Bruce Johnson of East Grand Forks; two sons, Kelly Rhonda Vetsch of Linton, and Scott of Beaverton, OR; her very special loves her life, granddaughters Margo Sorensen and Sydney Blum, and grandson Matthew Sorensen; her sister-in-law, Polly Klipfel of Sewanee, TN; her nephew Greg and her nieces Julia and Renee; and many very good friends. Olivia was preceded in death by her husband, Calvin C.C.

“Kelly; her baby son; her parents, an infant brother and a brother Clarence. The family has designated memorials to be given to the National Parkinson Foundation.

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Olivia at the ND Department of Transportation for several years and enjoyed the opportunity to know her and see her smiling friendly face every day. I know she will be missed by her family. I send you my sympathy and pray that God will wrap his loving arms of comfort around all of you and be with you in the days ahead. Jean Monroe

Jean Monroe - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. Have many fond memories of Christmas Eve's with your family and the times at the lake.

Tami Folmar - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Olivia's Family, When I started with Vocational Rehabilitation in 1969, Olivia was the person who trained me and she was the person in State Office that I reported stats/data to. She was such a kind and dedicated person. If I had a problem, she was always willing and able to help me out of a fix. I really enjoyed and respected her. We lost touch after her retirement from the Highway Dept; we would see each other once in awhile when we had meetings at the Capitol. My deepest sympathy to all of you. Mary Kuhn, Jamestown, ND

Mary Kuhn - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM