

Ruby Eagen, 85

March 24, 1930 - June 27, 2015

DETROIT LAKES, MN —

Ruby Mae Eagen (formerly from Manning), age 85, of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota entered her eternal rest on June 27, 2015 at Emmanuel Nursing Home.

Memorial service for Ruby was held Thursday, July 2 at 1 p.m. in Grace Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, MN. Officiating was Reverend Roy Noel. Visitation was held at the church one hour prior to services.

Ruby was a member of Grace Lutheran Church of Detroit Lakes. She was born on March 24, 1930 at Washington Township in Manning to Clarence and Mabel (Vollstedt) Borkowski. Ruby was baptized on May 23, 1930 and confirmed on March 25, 1945 at Zion Lutheran Church in Manning.

Ruby was united in marriage to Don A. Eagen on October 6, 1946 in Irwin. They lived in the counties of Shelby, Audubon, Guthrie, and Carroll until they moved to Detroit Lakes in 1981. They purchased a bait shop in Shoreham, named it as Ruby's Bait Shop and operated five years before reselling it. She first attended rural school in Shelby County and partial high school in Manning. After all her eight children were in school, she returned to school and earned her G.E.D. During her lifetime, Ruby worked various jobs including waitressing, as a nurse aide at a mentally disabled center in Shelby County. She also worked at Swift Turkey plant in Frazee, MN and as a cook at County Market in Detroit Lakes before retiring in 1996. Ruby spent many hours canning produce from the garden she and Don maintained. Her jams and jellies were second to none. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading and bird watching. She also loved collecting fowl plates.

Ruby was preceded in death by her husband, Don; one daughter, Donita; her parents, Clarence and Mabel Borkowski; one sister Janet; six brothers-in-law; paternal grandparents, Otto and Emma Borkowsk; maternal grandparents, William and Cecile Vollstedt; one great-grandchild, Elizabeth; one half-brother, Dick; one sister-in-law, Versa Hansen; and step-mother, Bernice Borkowski. She is survived by three daughters and four sons, Mary (James) House of Miles; Robert (Mary) of Morehead, MN; Dick (LaVerne) of Tucson, AZ; Jacklyn LaWare (Keith LeValley) of Wichita, KS; Joseph (Nancy) of Omaha, NE; David (Lynn) of Hunter, ND and Rose (Greg) Dryden of Rhinelander, WI; 25 grandchildren; 58 (and counting) great-grandchildren; sisters, Shirley Lesto of Wells, MN and La Rae Walgenbach of Nesbit, MS; a brother, Melvin (Leota) Borkowski of Carroll; two half-brothers, Dan and Dennis; one half-sister, Debbie; and a sister-in-law, Gladys Eagen of Guthrie.



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