

## **Darlene Pittman, 77**

*Sept. 6, 1925 - Sept. 13, 2002*

**ATLANTIC** – Darlene Lucille Pittman, daughter of Ralph C. and Rosa B. Templeman Rich, was born Sept. 6, 1925, at Lorah in Cass County. She attended country school in the rural Anita area and graduated from Atlantic High School in 1943.

She married Jack Pittman March 26, 1944, in Atlantic. They farmed in Cass and Shelby Counties for 30 years and bought their farm northeast of Walnut in 1964. They moved to Atlantic in December of 1982, but continued farming until retirement in August of 1988. Darlene has been a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church since 1952. She had been baptized Jan. 29, 1939, in the Methodist Church. She died Sept. 13, 2002, at the Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic, at age 77 years and seven days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Rosa Rich; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Albert and Dearie Pittman; two sisters, Pearl Pearson and her husband, Marion; and Elsie Pellett and her husband, Bruce; and one brother-in-law, Donald Pittman. She is survived by her husband, Jack Pittman of Atlantic; one daughter, Connie Bischoff (Paul) of Burnsville, MN; two grandsons, Chad and Brian Bischoff, also of Burnsville, MN; one sister, Hazel Brumbaugh (Joseph) of Atlantic; one sister-in-law, Betty Pittman of Letts; two cousins, Wayne Rich (Myrtle) of Atlantic and Bernice Simmons (Carl) of Massena; four nephews; two nieces; and longtime friends and neighbors, Walter and Clara Jones of Walnut.

Funeral services were held Sept. 17, 2002, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Pastor Stephen Gronseth officiating. Burial was in the Atlantic Cemetery. Casket bearers were Roger Jensen, Glen Dolch, Dennis Kuehl, Jerry McDermott, Richard Behrend and Jeff Harder. Roland Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.