



Irene Thomas

OBITUARY Irene Ann (Reuter) Thomas was born on February 2, 1915 to John and Abby (Hermes) Patrick in Belle River, MN. She attended Belle River country school and then periodically worked as a nanny/midwife for area families. Irene worked at Miller's Inn on Lake Le Homme Dieu as a waitress and cook. She met Jack Reuter while she worked at Miller's Inn and together they were united in marriage on June 13, 1944 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Belle River, MN. Together they purchased a resort on Lake Carlos and called it Reuter's Resort. They had three children David, Harold, and Joann. Jack died in 1955. Irene then married Herbert Thomas on June 16, 1958. They operated Reuter's Resort until 1988 when they sold the resort. Herbert died in 2000. Irene continued to live on the resort property where she resided until her death. Irene was a hospitable woman with a gracious heart. She was always appreciative of the kindness others gave to her. Irene was an avid fisherperson and she liked to garden. The love for her family could easily be seen in her eyes as she looked upon each of them. Irene A. Thomas died on Friday, January 13, 2012 at the Maple Grove Hospital at the age of 96 years old. She is survived by her sons David Reuter of Watertown, MN; Harold Reuter of Farmington, MN; daughter Joann (Darrell) Meyer of Rogers, MN; four grandchildren: Jeremy Meyer of St. Louis Park, MN; Corey Meyer of St. Louis Park, MN; Hanni (John) Pulley of Mound, MN; Melissa Reuter of St. Paul, MN; four great grandchildren Alexandra Zencius-Meyer, Scott Long, Leah Pulley, and Jackson Pulley; sisters Mildred (Jack) Sigfrid of Dayton, MN;

Mary Ann Black of Alexandria; brother Richard Patrick of Inver Grove Heights; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, 1st husband Jack Reuter; 2nd husband Herbert Thomas; brothers Bill, Clarence, Toby, Ted, Harold, Roy, Harry, and Alfred. A funeral service was held on Friday, January 20, 2012 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alexandria. Interment was in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Casket Bearers were Jeremy Meyer, Corey Meyer, Hanni Pulley, John Pulley, and Melissa Reuter. Arrangements were with the Anderson Funeral Home. www.andersonfuneral.net