



Ruth Wogan

Ruth Thelma Davis was born March 4, 1922 in Watertown, SD, the daughter of Fred and Lina (Lowry) Davis. She grew up in Holloway, MN where she graduated from high school in 1941. She was active in Girl Scouts, school band and was also a cheerleader. Later Ruth attended the Moorhead Teachers College. On April 24, 1943 Ruth was united in marriage to Vinton G. Wogan. The couple moved to Minneapolis, MN for two years where Ruth worked at Honeywell. They returned to Holloway and Ruth worked at her parents cafe while Vinton served in the US Army 101st airborne in Europe. Ruth also worked as a school cook for five years and for the post office. When Vinton returned the couple began Wogan's Trenching Service. They were blessed with one child, Vinton. In 1959 Ruth and her family moved their business to Alexandria, MN. They continued to operate their business until their retirement in 1989. Ruth worked for two years at Herbergers and continued work doing food demonstrations at the local grocery stores in Alexandria. Ruth was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Garfield and was an active Ladies Aid member. She later transferred to Zion Lutheran Church in Alexandria. She was active in church quilting. She was a life member of the VFW Auxiliary. Ruth enjoyed traveling the world. She spent many winters in Arizona. She loved flower gardening. Ruth also enjoyed cross-stitch and cake decorating. She looked forward to meeting her friends at Tuesday bingo. Most important to Ruth was her family; she especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. On Saturday,

November 21, 2009 Ruth died at the age of eighty-seven. Her husband, Vinton, and two brothers, Willard and Kenny Davis, preceded her in death. Ruth is survived by her son, Vinton Wogan, Jr. and wife, Mary, of Alexandria; two grandchildren, Kevin Wogan and wife, Dawn, of Burnsville, MN and Karla Atwater and husband, Todd, of Alexandria; six great grandchildren, Kayla, Timothy, Leah, Kaleb, Eric and Travis; one brother, Wally Davis and wife, Kathy, of Baudette, MN; one sister, Mabel Emde of Minneapolis; sister-in-law, Elaine Davis of Alexandria; and several nieces and nephews. A funeral service was held Wednesday, November 25, 2009 at Zion Lutheran Church in Alexandria. Reverend Terry Finnern and Reverend David Hinz officiated. JoNette Brogaard and Dan Olson provided music. Interment followed in the Kinkead Cemetery. Casket bearers included Gary Davis, Keith Davis, Ron Davis, John Davis, David Mahoney and Don Kingston. Honorary casket bearers included Karmie Gilbertson, Sharon Emde, Linda Kieffer, Koreen Firnstahl, Konnie Berg, Judy Davis, Kay Cole and Justin Kieffer. Arrangements were with the Anderson Funeral Home.