



Mathilda "Tilly" Lease

November 18, 1919 - October 26, 2010

Mathilda "Tilly" (Ortman) Lease was born on November 18, 1919 in Keota, Colorado to George and Mary Ortman. She attended country school near Buckman, MN and later Onamia, MN. Tilly was united in marriage to Henry Lease on February 17, 1942 at the Crosier Seminary Chapel in Onamia. The couple lived near Hillman, later moving to Onamia. While raising her family, they faithfully attended Little Flower Mission Church in Vineland. Tilly enjoyed gardening, one season she canned 100 quarts of wild raspberries. She was an excellent seamstress, Tilly made coats, gloves, scarves, blankets, and rugs for family members. She loved family gatherings. Tilly was known for her baked chicken with all the trimmings, homemade bread, and fresh-baked caramel rolls. After the meal, she would challenge her family to a card game of Chinese Elimination and 500. She rarely lost. Tilly will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Mathilda is survived by her sons, Henry (Yinyin) Lease, LeRoy (Nancy) Lease, Dale (JoMary) Lease, James (Carol) Lease, Kevin (Robin) Lease, Michael (Kris) Lease; daughters, Judie (Victor) Johnson, Mary (Dick) Swanson, Donna (Larry) Lance, Karen (Dave) Sullivan, Ann (Willie) Miers, Lorraine (Randy) Gerdes, Juliet Curtis, Patti (Brad) Opatz, Kathy (Joe) Jensen; brother, Leonard Ortman; Sister, Sr. Mary George Ortman; 54 grandchildren; 64 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry; parents, Mary & George; grandson, Jamie; brothers, George, Paul, Ernie, Joe; and her sister, Rose.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mathilda "Tilly" Lease*

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“ *Patti and family, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. May God bless you all.##imported-begin##Connie and Brian Opatz##imported-end##*

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