



Edna I. Nelson

July 20, 1917 - November 3, 2011

Edna Nelson, age 94 of Twin Valley, MN, formerly of Mahanomen, MN, died Thursday, November 03, 2011 at the Twin Valley Living Center.

Edna Irene Foss was born July 20, 1917 near Hatton, ND, the daughter of Lars and Andrea (Weltikol) Foss. She was raised on the family farm east of Hatton and attended country school. As a young woman, she helped her family on the farm. On October 29, 1942 Edna was united in marriage to Ernest Nelson in Northwood, ND. The couple made their home in Colorado where Ernest was stationed. During WWII, he was sent overseas so Edna returned to North Dakota and lived in Mayville. Following the war and an honorable discharge, Ernest's employment brought them to several communities including Halstad, MN, Ada, MN, Wheaton, MN, Thief River Falls, MN, and Mahanomen. In the fall of 1952, they settled in Mahanomen where they raised their family. Ernest died on July 14, 1996 and Edna continued to live in Mahanomen until 2005 when she became a resident of the Twin Valley Living Center.

As a long time member of First Lutheran Church in Mahanomen, Edna was part of the Ladies Aid, Circle and quilters group. She enjoyed doing embroidery work, crossword puzzles and tending to her flower garden.

Edna is survived by one daughter, Renae Nelson, Seattle, WA; three sons: Lynn (Pat), Moorhead, MN, Ernest (Ivy), Baker City, OR and Donald, Delano, MN; eight grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; eight brothers and six sisters.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, November 12th at 11 am at First Lutheran Church in Mahanomen with visitation one hour prior to the funeral. Pastor Tom Pairan will officiate with Diane Spaeth serving as organist. Her pallbearers will be Gary Nelson, Brand Nelson, Guy Nelson, Bryan Nelson, Michael Nelson and Skyler Nelson. Burial will be in the First Lutheran Cemetery, Mahanomen.

Tribute Wall

BN

“ When I think of my Grandma Nelson I think of my visits to Mahnomen when I was growing up in the 70's & 80's. Walleye fishing with Grandpa, all the delicious cookies, brownies, bars, cakes and pies she would have waiting for us, playing with their overweight dog Schultzzy and helping her in the flower/vegetable garden. You could always count on Gma for a shiney 50 cent piece or silver dollar (all of which I still have). Each visit we would typically either head to Detriot Lakes or Ben Franklin for shopping and a small toy. I will miss Gma nelson, but I feel she is in a better place now and is finally at peace.

Eternal God we bow to acknowledge you to be our Creator, and your Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. Grandma Nelson in your arms. May she continue to feel your eternal love and security, Amen.

Bryan Nelson - November 11, 2011 at 11:39 AM

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“ When I think of my Grandma Nelson I think of the town of Mahnomen and all the great memories I have of visiting my grandparents there. Gma Nelson showed her love through filling our tummy with many varieties of cookies, brownies, cakes and pies. I still have the 50 cent pieces and silver dollars I would sometimes get when visiting her. I always looked forward to walleye fishing with Gpa and the trip to downtown to Ben Franklin for a small toy. My interests in gardening, flowers and landscaping are partly due to her influences when I was a child as well. I will miss her greatly, but she is now in a better place.

Eternal God we bow to acknowledge you to be our Creator, and your Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. But most of all we honor you as our heavenly Father. Please welcome Gma into your arms and make her feel feel loved and secure once again.

Bryan Nelson - November 11, 2011 at 09:08 AM

BM

“ So sorry to hear of Edna's death. She was one of the few people I felt comfortable with when I was a child. Probably because she was as shy as I was. She was a very sweet lady and will be missed. God be with you in your grief.

Brenda (Bruggeman) McCauley - November 09, 2011 at 09:56 AM

KI

“ Lynn and Pat we are very sorry to hear about Grandma Edna. I just wanted to let you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Bill, Kirsten and Shay

Kirsten - November 04, 2011 at 10:29 AM