



Eva Mae Brtek

September 1, 1919 - September 29, 2014

Eva Mae Brtek, 95, of Mahanomen, died Monday, September 29, 2014, at the Mahanomen Health Center.

Eva Mae, the daughter of Israel "Bud" and Elizabeth (Knickerbocker) Sharbono, was born on September 1, 1919, in Marsh Creek Township. She attended country school through the 8th grade and always LOVED SCHOOL! As a young woman, Eva worked for various area farm families, cooking, doing outside chores, and helping with children. On April 30, 1938, Eva married Emil Brtek in Grand Forks, ND. They lived in various places before purchasing a house in Bejou, MN, in 1943 from Alfred Hallstrom. Eva was a hard working, stay at home mom, whose family grew over the years to a total of 10 children. Eva always kept busy with her family, tending to a large garden and canning its abundant produce. She also worked out of the home occasionally; house cleaning for local people and picking potatoes in the fall during potato harvest to earn money for school clothes for her children. Since running water would not come to the Brtek house for a few years, hauling water from the local pump was a daily chore that was even harder on laundry day. Eva remembers getting her first washing machine in 1946. She was such a great cook (having had so much practice with all those kids) that from 1972 until 1979 Eva and Emil owned and operated the E & E Tavern in Bejou. It was in April of 1988 that they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary and in late August of 1989, Emil passed away. Then in 1994, Eva moved to Valley View Commons in Mahanomen, after living 51 years on the same corner in Bejou. Eva missed

her fishing trips after Emil's death, but kept busy sewing quilts, fixing puzzles and cooking her visitor's favorite foods like home baked breads, kolaches, donuts, pies, potato dumplings and homemade soups. She was a magnificent story-teller, both of family history and thrilling ghost stories. Eva always looked forward to the yearly family reunion and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by four sons: Floyd (Sheryl) of Coon Rapids, MN, Les (Joanne) of Stillwater, MN, Jerry (Sharon) of Mounds View, MN, and Gary (Pam) of Ottertail, MN; five daughters: Avis Ystenes of Audubon, MN, Gloria Thompson of Bejou, MN, Lillian (Roger) Lofgren of Lake Park, MN, Shirley (Ron) Locken of Winger, MN, and Marion (Vaughn) Wibbels of Bejou; two brothers, Len Sharbono and Israel "Buddy" Sharbono both of Minneapolis, MN; and a special niece, Marge Sharbono of Indianapolis, IN.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Emil; one son, Kenneth in 1948; her parents; four brothers; three sisters; two sons-in-law, Willy Ystenes and Melvin Thompson both in 2014; and a special nephew, Ronnie Sharbono. Blessed be the Memory of Eva Mae Brtek.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, October 4, 2014 at 2 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Mahnomen. Visitation will be held Friday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at the Anderson Family Funeral Home in Mahnomen and also continue one hour before services. Burial will be in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery, Bejou, MN.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ One month ago today our sweet, kind and wonderful Mother and Mother-in-law left us. Our hearts are saddened now and forever. The love she had for her family goes beyond words. We will love and miss her now, always and forever. Les and Joanne

Joanne Brtek - October 29, 2014 at 02:43 PM

BG

“ Thinking of and praying for all of you.

Bill & Cinder Gunderosn - October 07, 2014 at 02:12 PM

MS

“ Words can't express how truly sad I am at this time. My heart goes out to all of Sis's family because I know how much they will miss her. She was a wonderful mother to them and a great aunt to me. I have many great memories of our time together. May God bless her family in this time of sorrow.

Marge Sharbono - October 03, 2014 at 10:44 PM

MS

“ My grief incompasses so many because those of us who were close to her are truly suffering a great loss. My heart aches for each of her children for their loss, but also for myself because I lost someone very special in my life, too. We must now celebrate her life and be grateful for all the good years we had with her. She was truly a wonderful person and will be greatly missed.

Marge Sharbono - October 02, 2014 at 11:07 PM

CC

“ *Special thoughts and prayers to Grandma B's Family.... Keep the memories close. She will be watching over you always..*
Caroll & Darrel Clark

Caroll Clark - October 02, 2014 at 09:54 PM

BT

“ *My sincere sympathy to Eva Mae's children and grandchildren. May your wonderful memories of her sustain you at this difficult time. God Bless.*

Bonnie Thompson - October 02, 2014 at 08:33 PM

LG

“ *We both remember Eva as a woman who would be right there for you to help get things done if you needed her. We remember her smile and kind voice. She was a very special beautiful Lady.*

Lonny and Judi Gieseke - October 02, 2014 at 03:54 PM

LB

“ *I am so sorry to hear about your mom. She and my mom had such a special bond, comforting to know they are together again. God bless you all.*

Linda Anundson Blom - October 02, 2014 at 10:41 AM

DA

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with Eva's children and grandchildren. She was especially dear to my mother Genevieve with whom she shared a special bond. Eva continued to reach out to me during the years after my mother passed. In many ways, she was like a Mom to me. I'm very grateful for having shared that connection.*

Diane Arneson - October 01, 2014 at 11:30 PM

ST

“ You would have to do some real searching to find a sweeter and/or kinder lady than Eva. She definitely believed in 'if you can not say something good about someone don't say it'. She will be missed by each of you. My thoughts and prayer go out most especially for Gloria, my sister-in-law Love and friendship to all. Sharon and Tom

Sharon and Tom - October 01, 2014 at 06:29 PM