



Gladys "Sy" Wadena

July 8, 1926 - May 20, 2011

Gladys "Sy" Wadena, age 84, of Naytahwaush, MN, died Friday May 20, 2011 at Mahnomen Health Center Nursing Home, Mahnomen, MN.

Gladys Philomene Turner was born on July 8, 1926 to Robert and Charlotte (Morrison) Turner in Naytahwaush. She grew up in the Naytahwaush area and attended Catholic School in White Earth, MN. She was united in marriage to Lawrence Wadena in 1951. They had two children, Gerald and Linda and later divorced in 1974. She attended college at Bemidji State University and later worked in White Earth for Indian Child Welfare. After retiring she worked for the Green Thumb program until her failing health required her to stay home. Gladys was devoted to her family and grandchildren and later her great-grandchildren. She often babysat Tiana and they would spend many hours taking walks and watching the birds and squirrels at play. She was especially close to her youngest two great-grandchildren, Shyla and Julian. Whenever they came to visit she let them run wild in her house and would delight in watching their antics. She will be greatly missed by friends and family especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Gladys is survived by a daughter, Linda Londo of Naytahwaush; a sister, Evelyn of Cass Lake, MN; five grandchildren: LeRoy (Robin) Beaulieu of Fargo, ND, Edward Beaulieu of Naytahwaush, Dolly Beaulieu of Naytahwaush, Chris (Linda) Londo of Mahnomen and Nathan Londo of Moorhead; eleven great-grandchildren: Heather, Josh, Ed Jr., Mikey, Tiana, Julian, Trisha, Chris Jr., Shyla, Lakeisha and Tyrone. She is preceded in death

by her son, Gerald; parents; brothers; sisters; grandson, Robert and great-granddaughter, Jeri Lyn.

A memorial service was held at 7:00 pm on Thursday May 26, 2011 at the Anderson-Mattson Funeral Home, Mahnomon, MN. A time of fellowship was held one hour prior to the service on Thursday evening. Arr

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Linda and family. I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. I will remember your mom as a very kind and gentle lady. My sincere sympathy to all of you! May God Bless you now and always and I pray you feel His presence in the days to follow. Love and Friendship Always, Tami

Tami Barnick - May 27, 2011 at 06:22 PM

MA

“ Aunt Sy,
I sure am gonna miss you. I am so glad that I got to see you the last time I was around. Thank you so much for keeping Leroy and I kids for as long as you could. Ill never forget the board games, and instant fish fries you would do when we came home with our catch. Know that you will always be in my heart. I love you.
Melvin.

Mel Anderson - May 26, 2011 at 10:34 PM

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“ May it comfort you to know how many thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad time.
I have always considered Aunt Sy a true friend. May she always be remembered with her bright friendly smile.
I hope your happy memories help soften your sorrow today and to carry her in your hearts always.
Tim and Janet Hanson

Tim Hanson - May 25, 2011 at 07:01 PM

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“ I am very sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you at this time of suffering for you

andrea antell - May 24, 2011 at 05:49 PM

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“ Auntie Sy,
We have loved you all our lives. Your sense of humor, words of guidance and wisdom will be missed but never, ever forgotten. Miigwech for the stories you shared with us of your youth and caring for our loved ones when they were young, too. Especially my daddy: your Dode.
Please know that we will always have a dance that is just for you, and we know you will be watching and smiling.
You are safe now, whole again and while we miss you, we know you can feel our love, still.

Dana Goodwin and family - May 24, 2011 at 01:47 PM