



Mildred M. Becker

January 10, 1914 - April 29, 2011

Mildred Marie Becker, 97, passed away in Stillwater, MN, on April 29, 2011, surrounded by family.

Mildred was born January 10, 1914, in Bemidji, MN, to Loren and Lena Coyle. In 1919, the Coyle family moved to Mahanomen, MN, where the family set up farming in Pembina Township. The Coyle children were Clayton, Clyde, Ethel, Marvin, Mildred, Kathryn, Richard and Levina, who all attended school in the area.

Mildred married Merlin William Becker, son of William and Ella Becker, of Mahanomen on June 28, 1936, in Bethlehem Lutheran Church. They resided in Mahanomen, where they operated a plumbing and heating business. They raised four children: Jewel, Joanne, Joyce and Mark, who also were members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Mildred was active in the Ladies Aid group, in choir and taught Sunday school. Her mother, Lena Coyle, lived with the family beginning in 1947.

After Merlin's death in 1964, Mildred and Lena moved to Crystal, MN, where Mildred built a new home for them. Beginning in 1965, Mildred worked at various jobs in the Robbinsdale and Crystal area until she was 86 years old and then moved to the east metro area. Her last place of residence was at the Good Samaritan Home in Stillwater.

During her many years, Mildred was known for taking care of her mother, her excellent seamstress abilities, the many trips she made to visit family around the U.S., and the numerous quilts she made for family, friends and the Linus

Society. In her later years, Mildred loved to keep up with her family and friends via the internet and phone calls.

Mildred is survived by her children: Joanne (Richard) Gahler, Oakdale, MN and Phoenix, AZ; Joyce (Marloe) Lundquist, Phoenix, AZ; Mark (Connie) Becker, Denver, CO and Phoenix, AZ; Duane Seeger, son-in-law, Wahpeton, ND; 17 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren. Mildred was preceded in death by her parents, Loren and Lena Coyle; her husband, Merlin; three sisters: Ethel, Katherine, and Levina; four brothers: Clayton, Clyde, Marvin, and Richard; four children: Jewel, Wallace, Loren, and William; two grandchildren, Anita Marie and Kevin Joel; a grandson-in-law, Eugene Evans, and by her very dear friend, Conrad Bjornrud.

Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 2 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Mahnomen. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral on Tuesday.

A visitation will also be held on Sunday, May 1, 2011 from 3-5 pm at the Sandberg Funeral Home in North St. Paul, MN.

Burial will be in the Riverside Memorial Park Cemetery, Mahnomen.

Tribute Wall

EW

“ Dear Becker family...So sorry to hear of Mildred's death. I tried emailing her last summer after my visit to her in the hospital but no answer. Oh I loved getting her to giggle. We visited many times when she was in White Bear, she was so proud of all of you! She was my favorite Sunday School teacher. Eileen "Tootie Kaste" Winter

Eileen Winter - May 12, 2011 at 08:53 PM

KH

“ Your mom was the best! We have so many fond memories of her. She will be missed. Our sympathy to all of you. Kathy and Lamont

Kathy and Lamont Hamre - May 03, 2011 at 08:13 PM

VT

“ Dear Becker Family, I am sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in your loving memories, and in knowing that God is "near to those that are broken at heart; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves." (Psalm 34;18) He has promised to soon "swallow up death forever...and wipe the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25;8) With deepest sympathy,

valerie thompson - May 02, 2011 at 01:15 PM

DJ

“ I was so sad to hear of GB's passing, and share in the family's sorrow. GB was an extraordinary person. To know her was to love her! She will surely be missed. How wonderful that she was able to have 97 years here to share laughter as well as her talents with SO many family members and friends. I'd like to envision her now chatting with my mom in heaven - perhaps discussing the afghans they left to warm their loved ones. Forever her love goes on in our hearts. God bless!

Donna (Seeger) Jacobsen - May 02, 2011 at 12:32 PM

BV

“ I am so sorry to hear of your great loss. Mildred was a wonderful, kind person. I will always remember her with love and happy memories. She made such a big impression in my life as a child and adult. I will miss her.

Barbara Beckman VanHorne - May 01, 2011 at 06:44 PM

BW

“ Thinking of you as you celebrate Grandma's life and remember the times you shared together. I am honored to have known her. God's arms have welcomed her home!

Barbara Wang - April 29, 2011 at 10:15 PM