

## Beulah B. Nelson

Beulah B. Nelson, Crookston, MN, formerly of East Grand Forks and Grand Forks, died December 8, 2005 at the Villa St. Vincent Nursing Home with family members at her side.



Beulah Beatrice Ulvedal was born on April 23, 1913 in Grand Forks at the St. Anne's Hospital. She was the eldest daughter of

Cora (Berwing) Ulvedal and A. J. Ulvedal. She began her education in Emerado, ND and graduated with a teaching certificate from Mayville Teaching College in 1930. She was a rural schoolteacher at an early age and taught students of all ages, some even older than she was.

She married LeRoy E. Nelson in 1936. They farmed near Inkster, N.D. and Thompson, N.D. They moved to Grand Forks in 1952 to continue raising their family. Both Beulah and LeRoy were active in the Thompson PTA and were instrumental in starting the school lunch program. After the move, they were active in the Belmont PTA and its fund raising activities. Beulah played a part in the writing of the history of Belmont School. She was also active in the United Lutheran Ladies' Aid and was president of the organization in the late 1950's.

She combined homemaking and career as her children got older. She worked at Willey's Jewelry, Norby's and later served as the stage manager of the Fanny Farmer Candy shop until her retirement. Beulah was known as a fantastic cook, which also included baking breads, doughnuts, and Swedish rice pudding. Many holidays, she decorated homemade Yule Kaka and had her children deliver it to friends and family.

Education and hard work, "If you want to teach kids to work, you must work beside them" were priorities for Beulah. Mother of her seven and many neighborhood kids, Beulah had an uncanny ability to understand children and their needs. She had a quiet personality but was firm in her conviction; she volunteered as needed and put in long hours in her many roles. LeRoy E. Nelson died on December 10, 1996.

She is survived by her sister, Vivian (Don) Hye, Bemidji, MN and Mesa, AZ. Children: Gayle Jerome Birkeland, Grand Forks, ND, Maureen (Ordean) Jacobson, Fargo, ND, Sandra "Jo" (James) Dunn, Mentor, MN, Donald P. (Cathy) Nelson, North Oaks, MN, Thomas L. (Joyanne) Nelson, Eugene, OR, Kathleen "Tootsie" (John "Gino") Gasparini, Grand Forks, ND and Gary J. M. Nelson, Fort Collins, CO. She has nineteen grandchildren who will serve as pallbearers/honorary pallbearers, twenty-four great-grand children, and two great-great grand children, brother-in-law, Gordon Caldis, Grand Forks, sisters-in-law, Lillian Ulvedal, Portland, OR, and Betty Ulvedal, Fairplay, CO and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by her husband, sisters, Mildred Ulvedal, Evelyn Erickson, LeNore Caldis, and brothers, A.L. "Bud" Ulvedal and Lincoln Ulvedal.

The family is especially grateful for the care that Beulah received while at the Villa St. Vincent which was her home for twelve years.

**Funeral Services** will be at the United Lutheran Church, on Monday, December 12, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.

**Visitation** will be one hour prior to the service in the church.

**Burial** will be in Memorial Park Cemetery of Grand Forks.

Memorials may be sent to United Lutheran Church in Grand Forks.

**Arrangements are with Amundson Funeral Home of Grand Forks, ND. [www.amundsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.amundsonfuneralhome.com)**