

## Esther Louise Svidal Hadlich

Esther Louise Svidal Hadlich passed away on June 17, 2004 at Valley 4000 in Grand Forks.



Esther Louise Hadlich was born to Ludvig and Nikolena Svidal on February 24, 1917 on a farm in Bergen Township, Ramsey County, near Starkweather, ND. She attended country school in the Starkweather area, and graduated as valedictorian from Starkweather High School in 1934.

After graduation, she moved to Grand Forks to attend Aaker's Business College. She graduated from Aaker's in 1935, and went to work as a bookkeeper at the KB Mercantile Store in Grand Forks until 1938. In 1938 she went to work at Aaker's as the school's secretary and eventually as an instructor. She worked full time at Aaker's until 1977, and worked part time at Aaker's until her retirement in 1990.

On December 30, 1942 she married Robert Charles Hadlich in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. They lived in Grand Forks for their entire married life. Their lives were interrupted two times by the flooding in Grand Forks in the early 1950s as they were forced to evacuate their home near Central park on South Third Street. In 1951, they built a new home well away from the Red River on Chestnut Street, where Esther lived for 53 years. At age 80, she rebuilt her home on Chestnut Street after the Great Flood of 1997.

She was an active member in Calvary Lutheran Church and supporter of The Republican Women of North Dakota. Her hobbies were her church, her home on Chestnut, her students, her friends, and her family.

She is survived by her sons Robin (Carole) Hadlich, Grand Forks; Mark (Nancy) Hadlich, Grand Forks; stepson Robert Hadlich, J., Hastings, MN; stepdaughter Joan Hicks, Hastings, MN; brother in law Lincoln Arnold, Arlington, Virginia; 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren that live in Grand Forks ND, Hastings MN and Kenosha WI.

She was preceded in death by her parents Ludvig (1967) and Nikolena (1969) sister Anne Svidal Arnold (1990), husband Robert (1997), and son-in-law Charles Hicks (2004).

Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Sunday, June 20 at Amundson Funeral Home.

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The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 21 at Calvary Lutheran Church, 1405 9th Street South in Grand Forks.

Burial will be at Memorial Cemetery in Grand Forks.

The family requests memorials be given to Calvary Lutheran Church or the Meals on Wheels Program.

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