

## **Evelyn R. Bidlingmaier**

**Oct. 29, 1916 - Jan. 14, 2005**

ARGYLE, Wis. - Evelyn R. Bidlingmaier, age 88, of rural Argyle, Wis., died Friday, Jan. 14, 2005, at Pleasant View Nursing Home in Monroe, Wis., where she resided for seven years.

She was born on Oct. 29, 1916, in Washington Township, Green County, Wis., the daughter of Stillmon and Nellie (Pierce) Huntley. Evelyn and Lawrence Bidlingmaier were married on Nov. 25, 1937, at St. John United Church of Christ. She attended Prairie View Grade School, and graduated in 1934 from Monticello (Wis.) High School. Lawrence and Evelyn farmed in rural Argyle. She was a member of Washington Reformation United Church of Christ and Stephenson County Antique and Engine Club. Mrs. Bidlingmaier was active in nursing home events and served as secretary for the residents council. Throughout her life, she enjoyed crocheting, reading, dancing and collecting a wonderful salt and pepper collection.

Evelyn most of all loved her family, spending time with her grand-, great-grand- and great-great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her son, Norman Bidlingmaier of Jesup, Ga.; daughters, Ruth (Ed) Enzinger of Dakota and Frieda (Carl) Liddicoat of Monroe and Mesa, Ariz.; brother, Leland (Margaret) Huntley of Brodhead, Wis.; seven grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents; husband, Lawrence, in 1977; brother, Lawrence, in 1993; daughter-in-law, Doris Bidlingmaier, in 2003; and sister, Irma Wettach, in 2004.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Washington Reformation United Church of Christ with Pastor Mary Gafner officiating. Burial will be at Washington Church Cemetery.

Relatives and friends may call from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at Shriner-Hager-Gohlke Funeral Home.

A memorial fund has been established in Evelyn's name.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the Pleasant View nursing staff and to Donna Mackesey.