



## Alta Witzigman

March 19, 2008

Witzigman, Alta Died peacefully March 16, 2008 at Unity Hospital after having a massive heart attack the previous morning. Alta Belle Gregg Witzigman was born May 23, 1908 in Mower County, MN. She was the fourth child of Reuben David Gregg and Alta Mercy Bisbee Gregg. Her mother died when she was only 6 weeks old, so she was raised by her doting Uncle and Aunt, Dr. Vernon M. Gregg and Belle Penney Gregg. She was married in 1931 to Frederick Scott Witzigman, son of Rev. F. C. Witzigman and Gail Doran Witzigman of Iowa. She lived an EXTREMELY full life during her 99 and 5/6 years. She lived many places during her life due to her husband's job as a Hydraulic Engineer for Corps of Engineers. She saw and experienced many things, giving her the rich and full life we all hope for our loved ones. She was diagnosed with polio in 1910, but that didn't slow her down. She was a French and Social Studies teacher, piano teacher, organist, artist, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, as well as a huge inspiration to all who overcame life's obstacles. Alta graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1925 and Iowa State Teachers College (now University of Northern Iowa) in 1929. She also did post graduate work at the Universities of North Dakota and Minnesota. As a student she earned a Winchester Rifle marksman's medal, was president of the local Y.W.C.A., was president of the University of Iowa Dames Club, and helped design the Campanile at the University of Northern Iowa. As an adult, she was Chairman of the home department of the Iowa City Women's Club, President of the PTA, Women's

Club and School Board in Riverdale, ND where she also played the organ at church. She was preceded in death by her husband and is survived by her two daughters, Mary Ann Butts of Minot, ND and Cynthia Witzigman of Minneapolis, MN. She is also survived by six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Mary Ann's family, Mike Butts and his daughters, Kelsie Butts and AJ Kremer of Minot ND, Scott Butts, his wife, Maureen and their twin boys, Charlie and Johnny, of Durham NC; Lori Barnstable and her children, Taylor, Tanner, Hope and Hunter of Fargo ND, Tamara Butts and her daughter, Hailie, of Minot ND and one great-great-grandchild, Dominic Butts of Fargo, ND. Cynthia's family, Julia and her husband, Mark Albright and their three sons, Marshall, Austin and Mason of Andover, MN and Steve and wife, Danielle Witzigman of Wyoming, MN. Visitation Friday 1-3 PM with a time of sharing at 3 PM at: Washburn-McReavy Northeast Chapel 612-781-6828 2901 Johnson St. N.E.