



Mary Sampson

August 8, 2004

Sampson Mary Elvera, age 83, of Eden Prairie. Mary was preceded in death by her mother, Mrs. Dora McMurray; stepfather, Mr. B.F. McMurray; and her father, Mr. Eric Sampson. Mary attended Irving Grade school and South High School in Mpls. She moved in 1938 with her mother and stepfather to Shakopee and graduated from Shakopee High School in 1939. Mary then attended St. Cloud Teachers College and graduated in June 1941. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Minnesota in 1967. Mary began her teaching career at a one room school house in Scott Co. in 1941. She taught in Minnewashta, St. Paul Park and Shakopee. Upon the death of her stepfather, Mary left the teaching field to help her mother manage the McMurray Variety Store in Shakopee until fire destroyed the store in the late 1950's. Mary then resumed her teaching career with the Eden Prairie school system in 1959 and retired in 1983 finishing her career at Prairie View Elementary. Mary was named as one of 60 outstanding Grade School Teachers in 1967 and selected to appear in the 1970 edition of "Outstanding Educators of America". Mary is survived by her sister, Elizabeth Johnson of Chicago; three nieces, Merry Heiner (Bob) of TN, Nancy Johnson, Jo Ann Karnatz (John) of Chicago; three great nieces, Leanne Karnatz, Gretchen Killingbeck and Heidi Thomas; and two great nephews, Corey Karnatz and Matthew Heiner. Mary is also survived by her friend and companion of 50 years, Mr. Harold Ballinger of Shakopee. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association MN/North Dakota

Chapter online at www.alzmdak.org or to Alzheimer's Association MN/N Dakota Chapter, 4550 W. 77th St., Suite 200, Mpls., MN 55435. Memorial service 4:00 PM Sunday, August 15, with visitation 1 hour before the service at: Washburn-McReavy Eden Prairie Chapel 7625 Mitchell Road (1 blk. N. of Hwy. 5) 952-975-0400