



Yvonne Ruth Burbage

April 15, 1932 - June 11, 2010

Loving Mom, Grandma & Sister Age 78, formerly of St. Paul Passed away at her home in Frisco, TX on June 11, 2010 of natural causes. Yvonne was born on April 15, 1932 in St. Paul, MN to Ivan and Ruth Johnson. She grew up on Holton Street in the Midway area of St. Paul and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School, class of 1950. She married her high school sweetheart, Ernest James Burbage, Jr. in 1951. They had four sons, Ernest, Patrick, Michael, Timothy and one daughter Deborah. She was a devoted mother and her children were her priority. Yvonne worked in the food service department at Hamline University, where she was able to fulfill her passion for cooking. After she retired she moved to her parent's birthplace of Wausa, Nebraska. There she enjoyed the "small town" life and loved reminiscing about the old days. She continued her love of cooking, always having a new recipe to try and enjoyed when it was her turn to cater the annual family reunion that was held in Wausa. She took up quilting and joined a quilting club that included her cousin, Bonnie Suhr. Yvonne faced very difficult times when two of her sons, Michael and Timothy passed away. Her heart was broken. Her health was slowly failing and she moved to Frisco to be close to her eldest son, Ernest. She will be missed dearly. She is in heaven with those who preceded her in death, especially her parents and dear sons, Michael and Timothy. Survived by son, Ernest (Christy) and their two children Shannon and E.J; son Patrick; daughter, Deborah and her children Matthew (Alicia) and Emma; sister, Zarida (Dick) Young; and daughters-in-law, Dawn Burbage and Sarah Burbage;

nieces and nephews. Funeral Service 11AM (visitation 10AM) Wed. June 16, 2010 at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL FUNERAL HOME, 536 N. Snelling Avenue, St. Paul. Entombment Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials preferred to Down Syndrome of Minnesota or Mayo Clinic Narcolepsy Research.

Tribute Wall

AJ

“ I just today heard of the sad news of Yvonne's passing. She and I had some good times together when Val and I would visit. She was a kick to be around, and had a cute sense of humor. I loved her and Aunt Ruth and Uncle Ivan. It was great when they would come here to Denver and stay with us. It seems like it was that long ago that we talked on the phone - I think it was last fall. Ernie, I'm really sorry for your loss. Ann Johnson

Ann Johnson - June 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Ernie- I did not know your mom well, I think I did meet her one time. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. I am only happy that you were able to move her to Frisco to be with you Christy, Shannon and EJ for a while before she moved on. I wish you and your family my deepest sympathy and hope that he time goes quickly so that grief becomes fond memories.

Barry Gussow - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ We were first cousins and shared many good times when we were young. Aunt Ruth was a great cook and passed this passion unto Yvonne. Uncle Ivan had a special way of saying "Yvonne." I wonder if he named her. I still have a necklace given to me by Ivan and Ruth and wonder if there is anyone in the family that would like to have it. My condolences to Yvonne's family. Love, Fran

Fran Johnson Mender - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Yvonne - Yes she will be truly missed by her family and friends. I knew Yvonne through her sister Zarida who is my sister-in-law. Yvonne was raised in a wonderful Christian home by her parents Ivan and Ruth Johnson. Her strong Faith sustained her all her life. After having four sons the birth of her daughter brought pure Joy to her family. Yes she will be missed but knowing she is reunited with her parents and her sons gives comfort to her family. Thank God for her life she shared with many.

Marilyn Olin - June 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ Yvonne will be so missed, but I am so happy we were able to visit her last year. We had so many great times, as kids and teen agers, in St. Paul, and Wausa and in Chicago.

This obit is perfect - it so well represents Yvonne's great passions - her family, cooking and Wausa. Memories of her and her passions will last forever.

We were fortunate to visit her in her beautiful new home in Texas last year and meet Ernie, Christy, Shannon and EJ.

We remember going to church with Tim and Sarah in Wausa, all of us pulling weeds or planting tomatoes.

I remember summers in Wausa when we'd walk down Main Street and think how sharp (using '50's language) we were!

Anyway, Yvonne was a great person and I'm honored to have her as a cousin and a friend. from Gloria

gloria parker - June 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM