



Hazel E. Hayes

June 25, 2009

Hazel E. Hayes, 87, of Mondovi, passed away Thursday, June 25, 2009 at Luther Hospital in Eau Claire, WI. She was born on June 19, 1922 in the Town of Naples, rural Mondovi to Hellick and Stella (Hanson) Knutson. Hazel graduated from Mondovi High School and then married Nathan Hayes on January 11, 1941 in Mondovi. She and Nathan farmed in the Town of Montana, rural Mondovi. While farming she worked at Arcadia Furniture, worked as a school bus driver for the Arcadia School District, was a foster mom to 23 children and later worked at the American Lutheran Home in Mondovi. Hazel enjoyed flowers and gardening and made the best donuts, lefse and apple pie. She was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and it's ladies organizations. She is survived by seven children, Nancy Turk of Bailey's Harbor, WI, Jerry "Butch" Hayes of Eau Claire, WI, Joyce (David) Gehrke of Eleva, WI, Jack Hayes of Mondovi, WI, LuAnn (Dick) Rebhahn of Arcadia, WI, Diane (John) Marum of Gilmanton, WI and Brenda Marten of Gilmanton, WI; 16 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; and other relatives. Hazel was preceded in death by her husband, Nathan in 1995; her parents; a son in law, John Turk.