

August 28, 2010

## The Life of Mary Habeck

- The funeral for Mary Habeck, 97, of Newberg, Ore., and formerly of Groton, will be 2 p.m., Saturday, August 28 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney. The Rev. Lloyd Redhage will officiate. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen.
- Visitation will be held at the church for one hour prior to services on Saturday.
- Mary died Saturday, August 21, 2010 at Newberg Care Center.
- Mary completed eighth grade at St. Mary's Catholic School. She then went to work at Tiffany's Laundry for 9 cents an



hour, walking 12 blocks to get to work. February 9, 1937 she married Ernest Habeck and became a farmer's wife and home maker, raising their four children. She became a Lutheran early in her married life and was very active in her church, the quilt club and the Groton Sr. Citizens.

- As a newlywed Mary moved to farm life in Minnesota, Ordway, Columbia, then to Oregon for 10 years as a gas station owner, then back to farm life in rural Groton. After the death of her spouse she moved into Groton.

- At age 94 having never been in a hospital since her last childbirth she fell and fractured a hip. At age 95 she spent her birthday in Oklahoma with her brother on his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday July 8<sup>th</sup>. October the same year she fell and fractured the other hip.

March 2009 she fractured her femur. July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 she fell and broke some ribs. She was recovering very well from all these hospital trips, and rehab centers experiences. A severe stroke August 15<sup>th</sup> took her life six days after the event.

- Mary is survived by two daughters, Theresa (Tracy), Karen, and one son, Paul,
- 9 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, 6 great great grandchildren and one brother, Mike of Ponca City, OK, also several nieces and nephews.
- She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents Frank and Frances Blando, one son Richard, one grandson Jan, 4 sisters and 4 brothers.
- Mary spent the last 3 years of her life with her daughter Tracy and husband in Newberg, Ore. Mary was a very kind, loving person with many family members and many friends both in South Dakota and Oregon that were blessed to have shared in her life. She was a friend to everyone she met.