



The Life of Audrey Padfield

Services for Audrey Padfield, 91, of Groton will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at the United Methodist Church, Groton. The Rev. Derek Baum will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel from 5-7 p.m. on Monday with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Audrey fell asleep July 8, 2016 at Golden Living Center, Groton.

Audrey Florene was born on May 11, 1925 in Cresbard, SD to Troy Guy and Mary (Nash) Matthews. She attended school in Cresbard through the 7th grade when the family moved to Conde. Following her graduation from Conde High School in 1942, she worked in the Conde restaurant and Wagner Drug Store. On April 26, 1945, she was united in marriage with Arthur Zell Padfield in Webster. The couple moved to rural Putney in 1946 and were blessed with 7 children. In 1965, they moved into Groton and Audrey worked part-time for Pilgrim Cleaners. After Arthur's passing on January 18, 2006, Audrey remained in Groton. She became a resident of Golden Living Center in 2014.

Audrey was a member of the United Methodist Church, Groton, where she was active in the UMW. She was honored with the Jewel of a Woman Award in 2012. In earlier years, Audrey was a 25 year 4-H Leader and belonged to the Women of the Moose Lodge. She was a charter member of the ABC card club, and was active in the Putney Ladies Aid. She and her husband were members of the Senior Citizens and had delivered Meals on Wheels for many years. Audrey was currently serving as President of the Golden Living Center Resident Council. She was also a 30 year member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Celebrating her life are her children: Rose Marie (Doug) Krueger of Alberta, MN, Judy (Don) Burdick of Huron, Karen (Al) Backman of Alberta, MN, Lea Ann (David) Alwin of Watertown, Robert (Marilu) Padfield of Alberta, MN, John Padfield of Aberdeen, 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, an infant brother, her husband of 60 years, and infant son and one daughter, Linda Padfield.

Casketbearers will be Rebecca Coverdale, Dan Krueger, Tammie Eggebraaten, Ann Diehl, Steven Burdick, Joshua Backman, Jessica Backman, Erin Alwin, Ryan Alwin and Evan Alwin.