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Mabel Borkowski, 94

July 8, 1907 – June 28, 2002

CARROLL – Mabel Borkowski was born July 8, 1907, in Washington Township, Carroll County, daughter of William and Celia (Kuhl) Vollstedt. She grew up northeast of Manning, and attended Washington #8 country school where she graduated from the eighth grade. Her mother died when she was only 16 years old. This left her and her older sister to take over the household duties. She was baptized as an adult into the Lutheran faith at Zion Lutheran Church May 26, 1927. The next morning she received the rite of confirmation. The Rev. J.M. Ansorge presided at both ceremonies.

Aug. 28, 1929, she married Clarence, also known as Dick Borkowski, at the church parsonage in Manning, with Rev. Ansorge officiating. The couple lived north of Manning, and later moved to the Botna area. The couple was later divorced. Mabel started cooking professionally after moving to Carroll in 1947. Her first position was at the Casino Café followed by Pauline's, The Spot, The West End, and Lee's Café. She also cooked on the campus of Iowa State University at the Chi Omega and Alpha Gamma Ro houses. She also worked at a resort for a summer in Maine and she worked at Cheley Camps in Colorado. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, RSVP, Ladies Aid, the Golden Circle Club, and Card Club. She died June 28, 2002, at the St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll, at age 94.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Janet Nesje; five brothers and one sister. Survivors include a son, Melvin Borkowski (Leota) of Carroll; three daughters, Ruby Eagen (Don) of Detroit Lake, MN; Shirley Lesto (Gordon) of Wells, MN and LaRae Walgenbach (John) of Nesbit, MS; a son-in-law, Robert Nesje of Wells, MN; 24 grandchildren; 65 great grandchildren and 28 great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held July 1, 2002, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll, with Pastor Charles Haake officiating. Burial was in the Manning Cemetery. Casket bearers were David Borkowski, Randy Krowiorz, Kevin Lesto, David Eagan, Mark Walgenbach and Mike Lesto. Dahn and Woodhouse Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.