



Edna Rose (Waa-ji-bine-siik) Chosa Jensen began her journey to the spirit world on Monday, November 12, 2012, at Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara, California, after a brief illness. Edna was born on March 31, 1922, at Basswood Lake, daughter of Henry Chosa and Clara Dufauld Chosa. She was the youngest of the eight children of Henry and Clara who survived to adulthood, and was 90 years old when she walked on. Edna attended elementary school at Hayward Indian School, where because of her exceptional intelligence and ability to learn quickly, she skipped second and fourth grades. She then attended Pipestone, where she skipped eighth grade. She began tenth grade at Haskell but she and a friend, Ignatia Broker, disliked the place so much that they ran away together. After spending the summer in Oklahoma, Edna returned home, and since no one reported her return, she was able to spend one precious year living with her parents. She then completed her education at Flandreau, graduating in 1941. In 1943 Edna met and married Danish immigrant Jens Anker "Ray" Jensen in Minneapolis, and their only child, Betty Ann, was born the following year. When Ray's deteriorating vision threatened the family livelihood, Edna became first his driver and then his equal partner in his business opportunity brokerage, passing the Minnesota and Wisconsin broker's exams on the first try and earning a broker's license in her own right in both states. After their daughter married and settled in California, Edna and Ray retired to that state, where they enjoyed the mild winters and welcomed the California births of their grandchildren over the years. When Ray became completely blind, Edna took excellent care of him and saw to it that his remaining years were good ones; he died in 1990. Edna very much enjoyed all kinds of board or card games, as well as blackjack, slots, and horse races, where she frequently came out a winner. However, an old knee injury and the usual frailties of advancing age caught up with her, and early in 2010 she moved north from Oceanside to a nursing home in Goleta, where she could receive the constant care she now needed and also see her daughter and family frequently. In death Edna is reunited with her husband and her parents; with her sisters Mary Chosa Maki, Nelle Chosa Crowe, Rose Chosa (died in infancy), and Margaret Chosa Champagne Roubideaux; with her brothers Fred Chosa, Thomas Joseph Chosa, Peter Chosa, and Ernest Chosa (died in infancy); and with many beloved double cousins born to Leo Chosa and Annie Dufauld Chosa or to Frank Chosa and Caroline Vivier (half-sister of Annie and Clara). She will always be deeply missed by her surviving sister Lucy Chosa Lefto of Huntington Park, California; by her only child, daughter Betty Ann Jack, by beloved son-in-law Michael Jack, by her grandchildren Rachel Jack, Leila Joseph, and David Jack, and by her four great-grandchildren, all living in Goleta, California, as well as by her many nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends. Even though she lived for the last four decades in California, Edna's spirit and heart was always in Minnesota. Her physical remains were laid to rest with those of her beloved father in Ely Cemetery on 4 December 2012. The family is grateful for the skill and compassion with which Kerntz Funeral Home in Ely handled the funeral arrangements and would also like to express their gratitude to the hotel and restaurant staff at Fortune Bay for "going the extra mile" in helping us get through this difficult time.