

Doris A. O'Connell

Doris A. O'Connell, 84, Orr, passed away on Saturday, June 28, 2008, at the Edgewood Vista Assisted Living Facility in Virginia. **SERVICES: Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM Wednesday (July 2nd) at Calvary Lutheran Church in Orr. Rev. Bruce Dissell will be the officiant. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 PM Tuesday at the Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook and will continue for one hour prior to the service at the church. The casket bearers will be Doris' Grandsons: David Alto, Craig Alto, Brent Autio, Eddie Chavers, Tim Chavers, Zachary Manick and Ryan Manick. Interment will be in the Leiding Cemetery of Orr.** Any memorials received by the family will be given to Bemidji Behavioral Health Unit and East Range Hospice, in Doris' memory. She was born Doris Alma King on January 30, 1924, at Nett Lake, the daughter of Daniel and Ideal (Porter) King. She grew up at Nett Lake, worked at the Nett Lake Store and graduated from Orr High School in 1942. She completed a secretar the Bureau of Indian Affairs. It was in Chicago that she met and married Daniel "Murph" O'Connell on November 9, 1946. Murph served in the U.S. Navy during World War 11, was stationed there at the end of the war, and Doris had also served as a WAC in the Navy for a brief time and received an honorable discharge in 1945. After the war ended, the couple moved to Orr, where they raised their daughters and lived for the next 61 years. Doris has resided at the Edgewood Vista Assisted Living Facility in Virginia since November of 2007. She lived a full and rewarding life, and earlier worked as secretary-bookkeeper for the Nett Lake School, served as an election judge, member of the Hoop Club, the ladies aid of the Orr Bible Chapel and member of the Orr American Legion Auxiliary Post #480. She was an enrolled member of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. Earlier she also had worked at the Orr General Store and as a home health aid, and was a longtime devoted homemaker. She loved dancing, and every Saturday evening was reserved for watching Lawrence Welk. She was very capable at picking and parching wild rice, enjoyed berry picking-especially blueberries, and was talented at knitting and crocheting. Doris was an avid Duke Blue Devils Basketball fan, and used to enjoy playing cards, gaming and enjoyed flowers. She is survived by 4 daughters, Carolann (Robert) Dostal of Hibbing, Janet (Andrew) Autio of Virginia, Cathy (Edward) Chavers of Orr and Linda (Daniel) Manick of Cook; 2 brothers, William "Bill" (Zoe) King of Orr and Duane King of Proctor,; 11 Grandchildren: Dave (Anne) Alto, Craig Alto, Amy (Darin) Brettingen, Christine ial course at the Haskell Indian College in Kansas, then moved to Chicago where she was employed by (Michael) Thomas, Amber (Brian) Bialczak, Brent (April) Autio, Timothy Chavers, Edward Chavers, Zachary Manick,, Ryan Manick and Mallory Manick; 14 Great Grandchildren: Bailey and Paxton Alto, Denielle Alto, Morgan and Megan Brettingen, Logan Thomas, Alexis Bialczak, Zoe Bialczak, Ty Autio, Jace Autio, Kyle Chavers, Julianna Chavers, Hailey Chavers and Logan Nurmi, along with numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Daniel "Murph" O'Connell on January 15, 2008; 2 sisters, Elaine King and Carol King; 3 brothers, Norman, Donald and Herbert King;

Funeral arrangements are with the Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook.