



Caroline "Carol" Sam Prushek, 69,

Cloquet, formerly of Tower-Vermilion and Embarrass, passed away on Friday, May 17, 2013, at Essentia Health-St. Mary's in Duluth. She was born on December 22, 1943 at Cloquet, to Bennie and Florence (Burnside) Sam. She grew up in Tower-Vermilion attending school in Tower. She was formerly married to Dwaine VanVickle, making their home in Embarrass for many years. Carol worked at the shirt factory in Virginia and later for Erie Mining Co. She later moved to Cloquet and was employed as a bus monitor for the Fond du Lac school system and more recently a custodian at the Black Bear Casino. Carol was a dedicated and valued employee and was known as a hard worker in all she took on. She hand crocheted beautiful dolls, some of which are on display, enjoyed traveling on the yearly elder trips and was an avid bingo player. Her family fondly recalls that she rarely passed up the chance to go to a rummage sale. Carol will be missed by the many who came to know her. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by a daughter, Sheryl Santa; 3 brothers, Eugene, Pat and Donald Sam; and 2 sisters, Joyce Lammi and Phyllis Sam. Carol is survived by 3 daughters, Betty Brooks of Cloquet, Patty Van Vickle of Virginia and Sandy Couture of Cloquet; a brother, Dennis Samm of Cloquet; 2 sisters, Rosalind Jenkins of Duluth and Claire (Gerald) Anderson of Kansas City, MO; along with numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

SERVICES: Memorial services were held at 12:00 noon Thursday, (May 23rd) at the Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook, with a gathering of family and friends one hour prior to the service. Rev. Arthur Dale was the officiant. There was also be a memorial gathering from 10am to 12 noon Friday (May 24th) at the Black Bear Casino in Carlton. Burial will take place at a later date at the Argo Cemetery of Babbitt