



Joyce "Obbie" Skadsheim, 73,

of Blackduck, formerly of Nett Lake, passed away on Friday (May 17th) at the Good Samaritan Care Center in Blackduck. She was born on August 20, 1939 in Cook to Lawrence and Ida (Day) Connor. She grew up in Nett Lake and graduated from Orr High School. She moved to Minneapolis in the mid 1960's. She was united in marriage to Rodney Skadsheim on April 24, 1981 in Biloxi, Mississippi. Joyce earned her Commercial Truck Drivers License in 1981 and drove over the road trucking for 7 years with her husband. After Rodney's retirement, she became what her family fondly recalls as a "regular housewife." They lived in St. Paul for 15 years and moved to Blackduck in 2003. She was known as "Obbie" to family and friends. She enjoyed puzzles, going to casinos and treasured time spent with her grandchildren. Joyce was an awesome cook great gardener and was known as a grower of tomatoes. She will be missed by the many who have come to know her. She is preceded in death by 1 daughter, Judy Drift; 3 brothers: Larry, Henry and James Connor; 3 sisters: Gloria Connor, Ruth Isham and Gladys Goggeley; and a grandson, Devery Drift. Joyce is survived by her husband, Rodney; 1 son, Ernest Drift Jr. of Nett Lake; 3 daughters: Carol Donahue of Cincinnati, OH, Deborah (Mike Cronin) Drift of Deer River and Kelly (Mike) Dunkley of Tower; 4 brothers: John Connor of Tower, David Connor of Mpls., Daniel Connor of Tower and Paul (Charlene) Connor of Cass Lake; 4 sisters: Lorraine Connor of Nett Lake, Laura Isham of Virginia, Esther Connor of Indian Point (Orr), and Mary Belle Isham of Nett Lake; 10 Grandchildren: Nicole, Christy, Christopher, Patricia, Derek, Elyce, GeWaden, Catherine, Jonathon and Madazway; 17 Great Grandchildren, and soon to have a Great Great Grandchild; along with numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

SERVICES: Funeral services were held at 10:00 am Wednesday (May 22nd) at the Nett Lake Community Center, where visitation was after 4 PM Tuesday. Rev. Kevin Land was the officiant. The casket bearers were: Jim Connor Jr., Mike Dunkley, Dan Connor, John Connor, Paul Connor and Ernest Drift Jr. The honorary bearers were: Christopher Drift, GeWaden Dunkley, Derek Lowry and Cecelia Drift. Interment will be in the Nett Lake Cemetery. Arrangements were with Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook.