



Ione D. Dern

December 15, 1928 - December 3, 2008

Ione D. Dern, 79, of 122 Eighteenth Street, Fond du Lac, died Wednesday, December 3, 2008, at Hospice Home of Hope after a valiant two and a half year battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. She was born on December 15, 1928, in Brokaw, Wisconsin, a daughter of Joseph M. and Erna Nelson Kukulka. Ione graduated from Wausau East High School and completed a secretarial course at Fond du Lac College. She worked several years at Wausau Paper Mills. On August 6, 1949, she married Russell J. Dern at the First Presbyterian Church, Wausau. Ione was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Fond du Lac. She was an excellent seamstress, liked to refinish wood, upholster furniture and was an excellent cook. She also liked to bowl, golf and garden. Survivors include her husband of 59 years, Russell; a son, Richard (Katherine) Dern of Madison; a granddaughter, Jessica Dern of Oregon, Wisconsin; a brother, Roland Kukulka of Woodhaven, Michigan; a brother-in-law, Kenneth Dern of Wausau; two sisters-in-law: Barbara Fox of Schofield, Barbara Dern of Wausau; and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant sister; a son, David; five brothers-in-law; and five sisters-in-law. Ione's visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, at First Presbyterian Church, 1225 Fourth Street, Fond du Lac. Her funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Anthony J. Farina and the Rev. Tom Williams officiating. Burial will be in Restlawn Memorial Park, Wausau. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Agnesian Hospice

Home of Hope or First Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund.