

Benda Pauline Mogard was born August 5, 1912, a daughter of Peter and Annie (Mogard) Mogard, on the Mogard family farmstead, located in Margaret Township of Ward County, near Wolseth, ND. She was raised on the family farm and educated at Wolseth Country School.

Benda married Silas E. Spokely September 3, 1933, in Williston, ND. They made their home on the Mogard family farmstead. They farmed small grains and raised livestock. Silas passed away February 6, 1975. She continued to reside on the farmstead until 2007, when she moved into Trinity Homes in Minot. The family farmstead is now being occupied by her son, Harlan, as well as her grandson, Chad Spokely.



She was a former member of the Nidaros Lutheran Church, near Wolseth, and its ladies aid group until it's closure. She then became a member of the Deering Lutheran Church and its ladies aid group before most recently attending Bethany Lutheran Church in Minot. She was also a member of the Deering and Glenburn Senior Citizens Club and had served on the Wolseth School Board.

She enjoyed gardening, crocheting, baking, cooking, playing cards, Bingo, and singing.

**Surviving family includes:** son and daughter-in-law, Harlan and Doris Spokely, rural Glenburn, ND; step-daughter, Betty (Melvin) Thiel, Rugby, ND; former daughter-in-law, Beverly Hauge, Minot; grandchildren, Chad (Jodi) Spokely, rural Glenburn, ND, Tange (Larry) Stone, Surrey, ND, Michelle (Terry) Giesen, Minot, Sheri (Steve) Factor, Pickerington, OH, and Barb Spokely, Minot; 12 great-grandchildren; three great great-grandchildren; 14 step grandchildren; 25 step-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, and nephews.

Benda was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Silas; son, LeRoy Spokely; step-son, Dayton Brandt; twin sister, Christina Mogard; and brothers, Johnny Mogard and Alvin Mogard.

## *Benda Spokely*

### **Date and Place of Birth**

August 5, 1912, on Mogard family farm, Wolseth, North Dakota

### **Date and Place of Death**

May 24, 2009 ~ Minot, North Dakota

### **Funeral Service**

Bethany Lutheran Church  
Minot, North Dakota  
Friday, May 29, 2009 1:00 p.m.

### **Officiant**

Pastor Janet Hernes-Mathistad

### **Music**

Chad Spokely, Vocalist to offer  
"In The Garden"

Diane Mogard, Organist

*Congregational Hymns*

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" & "Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

### **Honorary Bearers**

Benda's family and friends

### **Active Bearers**

Dennis Wolseth  
Greg Simonson

Allyn Harstad  
Ardien Tandberg

Phil Thorp  
Myron Mogard

### **Final Resting Place**

Nidaros Cemetery ~ Rural Wolseth, North Dakota

Immediately following the funeral service, please join the family for a time of fellowship and lunch in the lower level of the church. The graveside service will commence at 3:45 pm.

Our family would like to thank all of you for your many acts of kindness. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated during this difficult time. A special thank you to the nursing staff at Trinity Homes in Minot for all the great care given to mom. May God bless the memory of Benda.