Mary Lu Nelson

Jan. 28, 1918 - June 9, 2004

Mary Lu Nelson of Victoria, Texas, formerly of Mukwonago and Eagle, passed into the hands of God on Wednesday, June 9, 2004.

Mary Lu was born Jan. 28, 1918, in Reddick, Ill., to Charles and Julia Palmer. She married Alvin Nelson on Sept. 11, 1939. The family moved to Eagle in 1959. She was the owner/operator of Mary Lu's Beauty Shop for 38 years (18 of those years in Eagle). She was a member of the Eagle Methodist Church, Royal Neighbors of America and Senior Citizens' Club of Mukwonago and East Troy, and was a volunteer for Old World Wisconsin for 13 years. During her retired years, she loved playing cards and being with and helping her friends. Then the time came when she needed help herself and moved to Texas in 2000 to be by her daughter.

She was the loving mother of two sons, Ronald of Mansfield, Mo., and Roger of Florida, and a daughter, Dianne (husband Jimmy Harrison) of Victoria. She was also blessed with eight grandchildren, Carrie Nelson, Cherie Bethke and Candie Nelson of Wisconsin, Marshall, Matthew, Mark Nelson of Indiana and Robbie Betts and Stacey Garza of Texas; three step-grandchildren, Tommy, Johnny and Bryan Harrison of Texas; two great-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren; a sister Vera Wildermuth of Wisconsin; and two brothers, Orville Palmer of Illinois and Dale Palmer of California.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Alvin; her parents; and two brothers, Jesse and Lawrence Palmer.

She was loved by many and will be missed by all.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, June 14, at Mealy's Funeral Home, 103
Eagle St., Eagle. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until time of services at the funeral home. The Rev. Bill Busch will officiate. Burial will be at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

If desired, memorials to the Arthritis Foundation (Wisconsin Chapter), 1650 S. 108th St., West Allis, WI 53214, are appreciated.

Mealy's Funeral Home of Eagle is serving the family, 594-2442.

