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Avis Cookinham

(November 13, 1924 - September 12, 2010)

Avis Cookinham, 85 of St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin passed away on September 12, 2010 at St. John's Hospital in Maplewood, Minnesota with her loving family at her side. Avis was born on November 13, 1924 in Plankinton, South Dakota to Mable (Porter) and Lowell Valentine Shaw.

At the age of 6, Avis moved to St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin with her family. Avis was a childhood performer/acrobatic dancer and at 6 years of age, she performed at many local fairs and also the Corn Palace in Mitchell, South Dakota. Later in life she performed 100 hours for the USO in Washington, D.C.

She attended schools in St. Croix Falls and graduated from St. Croix Falls High School in 1942. After her education she moved to Washington D.C. where she met and married Dalton E.Y. Cookinham Jr. in June of 1945. The couple made their home in Littleton, Massachusetts.

While residing in Littleton, she worked as a school secretary. She was an avid roller skater and often times could be found roller skating through the halls of the school. She was also a founding member of the New England Country and Western Two-Steppers.

After her retirement, Avis moved back to St. Croix Falls. She worked as a volunteer at the St. Croix Regional Medical Center for 20 years. She enjoyed living in St. Croix Falls and that is where she made her home until the time she passed away. She also enjoyed the jitterbug, waltzing, golfing, cribbage and gardening.

Avis greeted everyone with a hug and a smile. She will be dearly missed.

Avis leaves to celebrate her memory, her children: Carol (Clifford) Heighes, Rochester, New Hampshire, Cheryl Cookinham, Boston, Massachusetts, Theodore (Nora) Cookinham, Olmito, Texas, grandchildren: Eric (Diane) Brayman, Jennifer Grafin, Holly (Steve) McNiel, Cindy (Larry) Harrison, Kristy Heighes, Clifford Heighes, Sean Lebron, Valerie Lebron, great grandchildren: Jessica, Samuel, Brenden, Ronan, Toni, great



great grandchild, Kiera, nieces, nephews and other loving family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mable and Lowell Shaw, husband, Dalton E.Y. Cookinham Jr., sister, Jean Volrath and brother, Gerald Shaw.

Funeral service for Avis will be held at the United Methodist Church in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. Pastor Mike Weaver will officiate the service and music will be provided by Myrna Weston.

The family will greet visitors at the church from 5:30 P.M. until the time of service and then again in the church fellowship hall following the service where a light meal will be served. The family wishes to extend an invitation to their guests to join them.

To express online condolences, please visit www.kolstadfamilyfuneralhome.com

The Kolstad Family Funeral Home of Centuria has been entrusted with funeral arrangements.

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