

**Ruth “Squirt” Waloch Schuman passed away early Sunday morning, November 10, 2002, in the presence of her husband and daughters, after a six-month battle with pancreatic cancer. She was 64 years old.**

**Squirt was born January 12<sup>th</sup>, 1938 in Lisbon, where she grew up and attended school. She married Virgil “Pudge” Waloch on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 1958. They lived in Gwinner where she worked for Melroe Manufacturing for 29 years. Pudge died in 1988. On August 15, 1998, she married Harvey Schuman in Verona. They lived on a farm near Oakes.**

**Squirt is survived by her husband Harvey; four daughters, Darci (Roger) Asche of Gwinner, Barbara (Richard) Jenny of Spicer, MN, Beverly (Michael) Even of Detroit Lakes, MN and Mary Waloch of St. Paul, MN; two stepsons, Jay (Kari) Schuman of Chapman, MN and Joel (Sandy) Schuman of Lake Park, MN; a stepdaughter, Nancy (Tim Cooney) Schuman of Mankato, MN; a sister, Margaret (Murray) Muraskin of Lead Hill, Arkansas; and her grandchildren, step grandchildren, and foster grandchildren: Sara (Zach Anderson) Asche of Inver Grove Heights, MN, Joel Asche of Eugene, OR; Kayla, Casey, Cody, and Aaron Jenny of Spicer, MN; Matthew, Jordanne, and Jalen Even of Detroit Lakes, MN ; Karley and Molly Schuman of Champlin, MN; and Luis Miranda-Fuentes, James Kenyi, Robina Mogga, Joyce Mogga, and Cory Kenyi of Fargo, ND.**

**Squirt’s family admired her strength and constant sense of humor, even as her illness progresses to its final stages. She loved living on the farm near Oakes and adored her four dogs, Miss Beasly, Cede, Spud and Boot. She was a loving wife and a caring mother and grandmother. She accepted her extended family – her stepchildren, step grandchildren and foster grandchildren – into her heart and loved them as though they were her own flesh and blood.**

**In her final days, Squirt wished for more time to spend with her family, but was at peace with whatever God would decide for her. She was surrounded by the love of her family, friends and Pastor Liz on the last day of her life with us.**