



## Grace Marie Fretty

September 2, 2012

Grace Marie Fretty (nee Schauer), Aged 99 years Born March 24, 1913, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and passed away September 2, 2012, in Glendale, Wisconsin. As a young girl, Grace attended Sacred Heart School and graduated from Bay View High School. Grace grew up in Bay View, moved to West Allis, Wisconsin, then moved to Olathe, Kansas, Agoura Hills, California, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Port Washington, Wisconsin, and finally to Glendale. She worked at Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Gimbels Department Store, and JC Penney Catalog Division, from which she retired in 1983. During the Great Depression and after, with determination and without complaint, Grace worked as a single mother to support and nurture her three very young children. Grace volunteered in Girl Scouts (West Allis, WI) and TWIG's Auxiliary of Children's Hospital (Columbus, OH). She was an extraordinary seamstress, a wonderful cook and baker, and loved to entertain family and friends. She was, in her own car, still a good driver at 96. Almost to the end, Grace was self-sufficient and competent, with an exceptional memory. Grace was preceded in death by son Richard Fretty and husband Edward Fretty. Survived by brother Robert Schauer (Peggy), Seattle, WA; son James Fretty (Marsha), Milwaukee; daughter Patricia Litfin (Lee, deceased), Winter Springs, FL; grandchildren Richard, John, David, Jack and Douglas Fretty, Cindee Filter, Wendee Orr, Jodee Litfin-Rensenhause; ten great-grandchildren and two nieces. She is greatly missed.