



Alida Dissmore

July 9, 1917 - February 22, 2005

Alida Daisy Johnson was born on July 9, 1917 in Twin Lakes Twp. of Calhoun County in Iowa to Malvina Josephine (McLaughlin) and John Cleveland Johnson. Alida passed away at home on February 22, 2005 at the age of 87 years. Alida was named for her grandmother, Daisy, and for her aunt, Carrie Alida, who died shortly after Alida's birth. In 1918, the family moved to Browerville and farmed there until 1926 when they moved to Menahga. At an early age, Alida suffered terribly from childhood arthritis and had to miss a full year of schooling. Each day Alida's mother massaged her joints to keep them flexible. Only one finger shows any lasting effect from that arthritic condition. Alida owned and operated a restaurant in Wadena for several years before her marriage to LeRoy Elwood Dissmore in 1965. Roy had children from a previous marriage. Together they raised turkeys for Peterson-Biddick Co. on a farm near Menahga. Roy died June 28, 1980. Alida, better know as "Butchie" to her sister Lillian's kids, was always a part of Lillian's family and their lives. Alida earned her nickname when she tried to name Richard, Lil's oldest boy, Butch. He turned the name around on her and the name stuck. Butchie and Roy were close friends with Herb and Lil. They camped and canoed together and all family holidays were spent together. Alida returned to the family home after Roy's death to help care for her father in his illness. She and Lillian lived side by side for many years and Alida was there to help Lil care for her husband, Herb, in his illness and death. Later, as Alida became more disabled from this last disease, Lil was there to care for her. Lil's daughter Janice Stahl

and her husband helped tremendously. Probably many here today have gotten a card or letter from Butchie on more than one occasion. She always remembered birthdays and anniversaries and managed to get the cards out on time. Alida embroidered pillow cases for years and those of us who received them as gifts will always cherish them and the memory of the wonderful woman who fashioned them. She will be missed by many. She has been loved by many. Alida is preceded in death by her husband, parents, and step-son. She is survived by her sister, Lillian Rude; three grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall

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“ Grandma, I love you and will miss you so much. You were always there for me from the time I was born. I will never forget the time we had together I only wish it would have been more. I am so glad to have been a part of your life and and you in mine. I learned so much from you about love and understanding. I will never forget the letters we have exchanged and how much I enjoyed getting yours. I will miss that so much. I wish you peace and happiness now that you have rejoined with Grandpa Roy and all those before you who were a part of your life. I am thankful for everything we had and for the time Allie got to spend with you. She will miss you too and loves you also. I only regret that she didn't really get to know you better, the great grandma she had. I Will never forget you and the wonderful woman you were and inspiration to me you have been.

All my love Grandma
All my love Great Grandma
Love Tamra and Allie

Tamra (Tami) Dissmore - February 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mom,
I Love you mom and I will miss you. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your life and staying a part of mine always. Love you Always

Karen

Lilly, I love you too and my prayers are with you and your family.
Thank you so much for everything you did.

Love Karen

Karen Dissmore - February 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“Grandma you will always be loved and missed forever, but never forgotten from your lifes endeavors. You were my idol in life, so strong, so loving, so comforting, and caring and I will always cherish what time we had together. So little time so many memories, God bless you and keep you safe. He is receiving the angel we love. I LOVE you!!!

Wendy

Wendy Dissmore - February 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM