



## Amy Messer

October 27, 1915 - March 22, 2011

Funeral services for Amy Irene Messer, a resident of the Harmony House in Motley and formerly of Staples, were held at 11:00 AM on Monday, March 28, 2011 at the United Methodist Church in Staples with Pastor Kathy Horn presiding. Amy passed away at the age of 95 years on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at the Harmony House. Amy was born October 27, 1915, in Germania Township, the daughter of August and Eugenia Messer. She attended rural school, District #91, graduating after completion of eighth grade. Having lost her mother in 1921, Amy stayed on the family farm into adulthood and kept house for her father until he passed away in 1950. She then became employed as a factory worker for a short time and then as a health care assistant providing care for elderly patients in their homes. Her employment took her to Seattle, Washington; Sydney, Montana; and Minneapolis, Minnesota. At retirement, Amy purchased her home in Staples in 1977 and lived there until 2007 at which time she became a resident of Harmony House. As a young woman, she was a member of Moran-Germania Methodist Church, holding several offices there. Upon moving to Staples, she became an active member of the Staples United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents August and Eugenia Messer, her brother Earl Messer, and her sister Erma Dynneson. She is survived by nieces Sharon (B.J.) Meyerring, Delores (Alan) Schultz, Lucy (Jan) Flaaten, and Jeanette (Dave) Brinker and nephews Dale (Mary) Messer, Loren (Rhonda) Dynneson, and Ron (Linde) Dynneson, 12 great nieces and nephews and 1 great-great niece

and 1 great-great nephew. Pallbearers were Nathan Messer, Adam Meyerring, Kelly Messer and Aaron Meyerring. Interment was in Moran Methodist Cemetery located in Germania Township, rural Staples.

# Tribute Wall

KV

“ Dear Amy:  
*Thank you for spending the past several years with us. You will be greatly missed by all of us at Harmony House.*

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**Kim Voge** - March 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *you have been a part of my life since I was born Amy. I remember you telling me that you carried me out of the hospital after my birth. I have appreciated your support and love throughout all these years - you even bought my first pair of contacts when I was in college when my dad said that I could wait and get them after I started working - I will never forget how much that meant to me - thank you again!*

*I will miss you immensely but know you are in a better place. Give mom and dad a hug from me.  
love always, Sharon*

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**Sharon Meyerring** - March 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Aunt Amy was a very special lady. Her mother died when she was very small, and Amy assumed responsibility for her younger brother and sister. Mom remembered her and Amy kneading bread dough with the bread bowl sitting on a chair since they couldn't reach the table and doing chores before going to school. Amy never married, and she was always an important part of our family. When we were little, she always gave us presents for Christmas, often a doll or a fancy doll dress. She loved to visit with people and talk, her laugh was memorable! She wrote fine letters. I remember the year I lived in Minneapolis and Amy was working for a family there. On her day off I would pick her up in my Volkswagon and we would go downtown to the museum or to a department store. She really didn't need me to pick her up, even though she couldn't drive she could go anywhere on the bus or train. When I was small and Amy was visiting us in Montana and we would go for a drive in the country, we would pass a falling down shack, and she would say, "there's my dream house." And we would all laugh. Her dream to own her own house in Staples came true when she retired. She loved to bake and always had a garden of flowers in the spring and summer. In her house she had lots of house plants and usually some goldfish. She told me a few years ago when we went to visit her at Harmony house she was a "doer, not a taker". We took a drive, and she showed us around Staples. Then we asked her to go with us to the cemetery where her family was buried and we looked at all the graves and headstones. It was a very peaceful place and we shared a nice memory. For Amy, her faith was always important, and going to church was part of who she was, and the people she loved. I know she continued to attend the church across from Harmony House when she was able. Her health really changed after my mother died the end of January. And even though we didn't tell her, I think she knew, and probably felt at peace to join her family in eternity. We loved our Aunt Amy, and will always remember her fondly.

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Lucy Flaaten - March 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ When Amy first came to Harmony House she taught me how to keep an african violet alive. The latest memories of Amy for me was when I showed her my baby's ultrasound and told her I was going to have a baby she said "Your going to get fat" I thought this was sweet because she just did not talk much. She would say "These clothes are pretty" I would agree and ask her if she thought Dale picked the clothes out for her. She would say "No he couldn't find nice clothes" Talking about my baby and her clothes would bring a smile to her face! She will always be remembered.

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margaret dukowitz - March 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Amy was our neighbor before she moved to Harmony House. She was a lovely lady who always enjoyed a visit. She would frequently invite us in for treats. She would tell stories of her life and I enjoyed those visits very much. She was a kind person and even though I only knew her for a short time I am glad that I got the chance to know her.

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Sarah Weyer - March 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM