



Donna Erickson

March 11, 1919 - June 23, 2007

Memorial services for Donna Erickson, age 88 of Wadena, will be held on Thursday, June 28th, at 11:00 AM in the First Congregational United Church of Christ with pastor Larry Hager and Orville Sauter officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be her grandchildren; Scott, Shawn, Sara, Heather, Chris, Erik, Nicole, Steph, Stacy, Casey and Katey. Donna passed away peacefully on June 23rd at her home, Inga's Place, in rural Wadena. It was Floyd & Donna's request that their ashes be combined and the interment be near the memorial area at the Wadena Cemetery. Donna was preceded in death by her mother and step-father; Al and Pearl Castro; husband Floyd; brother Ross Currie; sister Phyllis Miller. She is survived by her children; John (Mary) Erickson of Wadena, Jill (Bill) Schaefer of Ottertail, Jodi (Mark) Miksche of Long Prairie and Jeri (Don) Scheller of Wadena; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Donna was born on March 11, 1919 to Ray & Pearl (Higgins) Currie in Glasston, ND. When she was two her family moved to Wadena. Her father left the family when Donna was seven. Donna referred to her high school days as hard working and fun. She loved to recount her days of hitchhiking to Perham, Staples and Park Rapids in her leather jacket, high leather boots and jodifers, and the time she climbed the old Wadena water tower on a dare. She was also a cheerleader for all sports from her sophomore year on and was especially proud that her senior year of 1936 won the state basketball tournament. She also played on the girls basketball team. Donna worked at the Barrel (root beer stand), Hammergrens Drug Store

(soda fountain), and Penneys. In later years she worked at Vollies dress shop and the S & L department store. On June 29, 1941 Donna married Floyd Willard Erickson in Sisseton, SD. Shortly after their marriage Floyd was drafted into WWII. Donna followed him to Sheppards Field in Texas and then to Travis Air Base in California. After the war they made their home in Wadena. Donna was a devoted wife, mother and homemaker. Floyd passed away in November 1991. That year they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Donna loved to listen to the Twins, dance and play cards. She thoroughly enjoyed her family and grandchildren. She was a member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary. She will be missed by all of her family.

Tribute Wall



“ Jodi, I just heard about your Mother's death-please accept my heartfelt sympathy. It's a difficult thing no matter what age you are or your mother is, to lose her. A Mom is a mom is a mom..... Know that my thoughts & prayers are with you and all of your family.....
Love & Hugs, Susan

June 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jody, Mark and family,

Just read your mom's obituary on the Johnson Funeral Home site. She is a beautiful woman and sounds like someone I would like to have known - I sure do like her daughter and family, that is for sure.

Please know that you are all in my thoughts and in my prayers. God bless.

Jeri

Jeri Nelson - June 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ You were the most loving grandma a kid could ever have.

casey scheller - June 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ May God Bless you with the strength to withstand the loss and celebrate the joy of her meeting of our Lord and Savior... May her beautiful spirit live on in all of her family.. May Joy ,Health,and Abundance be yours.. God BLess Karen and Denny

Dennis and Karen Rausch - June 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *What a wonderful tribute to your mom. Watching it brought back so many of the memories I have of your mom being the spunky little lady I remember her to be. Growing up around the corner from you made her my 'mom' away from home. She will be missed dearly. My heart goes out to you and your family. I'm thinking of you and praying for God's peace and comfort to help you through this difficult time.*

God Bless.

Bunni Olson - June 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To the Erickson family,
I am so sorry to hear about Donna's passing, I don't remember much about the time in town but i do remember visiting with Donna when we went into town. After watching the video, all I can think about is how much she made me laugh. She was a very beautiful lady who touched a lot of hearts. I feel very fortunate to have known a lady like her.
My deepest sympathys to your family.
Love DeeAnn*

DeeAnn Dunblazier - June 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We would like to thank everyone for all they have done, said, or sent during this most difficult time. The love and support shown our family is so overwhelming. Our hearts are full and we are truly blessed to have such thoughtful, caring friends.*

Jeri Scheller Family - June 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM