



Ione Heldt

September 3, 1922 - February 27, 2011

Funeral services for Evah Ione Heldt, age 88 of Eagle Bend, were held at 11:00 AM on Saturday at the Faith Lutheran Church in Eagle Bend with Pastor Gerry Vuchetich of the Eagle Bend United Methodist Church presiding. Ione died at Lakewood Health System's Hospital in Staples, Minnesota, on Sunday, February 27, 2011 of congestive heart failure. Born September 3rd, 1922, in Eagle Bend, Minnesota to Lloyd and Bonnie Engebretson, Ione graduated valedictorian from Eagle Bend High School in 1940 and then attended business college in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She lived and worked in Minneapolis before returning to Eagle Bend after World War II. On June 16, 1946, she married Linden Emil Heldt at the United Methodist Church in Eagle Bend. They were blessed with two sons, Gerry and Gregg. Ione worked at the Eagle Bend Produce and E. C. Clementson Insurance as a secretary. In 1964, she and Linden took ownership of her parents business and continued to operate Engebretson Motor Company of Eagle Bend for the next thirty-six years. She was very involved in her community, church, VFW Auxiliary, Study Club, Birthday Club and Red Hats. She enjoyed golfing, fishing, bowling, reading, writing, performing in humorous skits, painting pictures, crafts and watching her beloved Minnesota Twins on television. Ione is survived by her sons, Gerry of Keller, Texas and Gregg (Virginia) of Eagle Bend; eight grandchildren, Cinnamon (Glen) Lancaster, Jason (Sara) Rice, Damon (Jennifer) Rice, Benjamin Heldt, Amber (Eric) Rinio, Sara Heldt, Linden (Julianne) Heldt and Christopher Heldt; nine great-grandchildren; brother

Glenn (Joy) Engebretson; and sister Devona Cooke. Ione was preceded in death by her parents, husband Linden, sister Joyce Moe and daughter-in-law Gail Heldt. Honorary pallbearers were her great-grandchildren Katelyn Lancaster, Devin Lancaster, Kristin Lancaster, Logan Lancaster, Julian Rice, Natasha Rice, Milo Rinio, Celia Rinio and Andre Bankey. Pallbearers were her grandchildren Sara Heldt, Linden Heldt, Christopher Heldt, Cinnamon Lancaster, Jason Rice, Damon Rice, Benjamin Heldt and Amber Rinio. Interment will be in the Hope Cemetery at a later date.

Tribute Wall

JP

“ So sorry!

Julia Peery - February 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ We were so sorry to hear about lone passing away. We are unable to attend her funeral because we are down in Texas. lone was a good friend and I have many wonderful memories as all of your families do. I'm sure Mary and her are enjoying their friendship once again.

Your in our thoughts and prayers,
Bonnie & Larry

Larry & Bonnie Alsleben - February 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Friends from Eagle Bend called last night and told us of lone's passing. I bowled on Friday afternoon's with lone and she was the life of the party! I hope you all share your good memories and remember all the good times you had. You are in our thoughts and prayers! Sincerely Doris and Lyle Winter

Doris Winter - February 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ Just a note to tell you that Junior said that he has known lone all his life. The Oftedahls and Engebretsons were close friends so lone and Junior grew up together. And in later years, it was always a pleasant experience to go to Engebretson's garage. We even bought a new pickup from lone and it is still running. Bruce has it now. Our sympathy to you. Evelyn and Junior

Evelyn & Junior Oftedahl - February 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ Sorry to hear about lone's passing. Still remember those days of coming into the shop and was always greeted with a smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with your families.

Bruce Oftedahl - February 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Char called me with the news of lone's passing - I am so sorry. lone was a most beautiful and special woman - on the light side, she was one of three girls I had to vie with when we had fun trivia contests at Birthday Club - she was a walking encyclopedia. I also greatly admired her great writing abilities....and the sparkle in those eyes - always made her look like she was "up to something". She and Lindy were great business people - loved getting those Chevies at Engebretson's. Just appreciate what you had and reflect in the wonderful memories. She so loved her kids, grandkids and "great" grandkids.

Jeri Nelson - February 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM