



Irene Line

March 5, 1922 - March 9, 2011

Irene G. Line of Verndale was born March 5, 1922, to Frank Sr. and Mattie (Meech) Birkholz in Orton Township, MN. She passed away March 9, 2011, at Lakewood Care Center in Staples. Irene was baptized and confirmed at Nimrod Lutheran Church, growing up around Nimrod and graduating from Sebeka High School in 1939. Irene Birkholz and Stanley Line were married February 22, 1941. After their wedding they moved to Truman. In 1944, they returned to Nimrod to purchase and operate the café until 1947. They then moved to Oylen to purchase and operate the grocery store there until a fire destroyed it in 1954. It was then that they set their sites on farming in Verndale where they purchased various farms around Verndale and Wadena. Irene's interests were rug weaving from 1958 to 2009, gardening, and selling vegetables at the local farmer's market, cooking, and baking. She belonged to the Beef Growers, and the Birthday Club. She was a helping and loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved playing cards with family and friends. Irene was preceded in death by her parents Frank and Mattie; sister Audrey Kadow; brother Frank Birkholz; grandson Samuel Rach; and son-in-law LeRoy Rach. She is survived by her husband Stanley of Verndale; sons Keith of Kent, WA, and Kermit (Inez) of Verndale; daughter Karen Rach of Wadena; eight grandchildren, 12½ great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on March 15, 2011, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena, with Pastor Stephen Meltzer officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Irene's nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Lisa O' Connor, LeRoy Line, Brenda Line, Bradley Line, Yolanda Drennen, David Line, Glen Rach , and Saresa Rach. Interment will be in the Wadena Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Thinking of You*

Allyn Line - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers are with the family Love Donna*

Donna line Grudt - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Grandma gave me so many great memories through the years, from baling hay with her as a kid to talking with her while she washed eggs or made rugs. Grandma was a kind and loving woman who kept things simple she would make a kid chocolate milk or popcorn balls to lift your spirits and no one could ever forget grandma's famous potatoe dumplings and side pork! Thanks for the great memories Grandma. You'll always be loved!*

Brad Line - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Let me tell all of you how lucky I was to be Irene's and Stanley's Granddaughter. No one was ever more loved and spoiled then me. She taught me everything how to bake,cook, play cards even how to count but most of all she taught me how to spoil and be a great Grandma to Little Irene. Thank you, Lisa*

Lisa O'Connor - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM