



Iris Greene

May 6, 1921 - April 5, 2011

Funeral services for Iris Mae Greene of Eagle Bend were held at 11:00 AM on Monday, April 11, 2011 at the Faith Lutheran Church in Eagle Bend with Pastor Gerry Vuchetich of the Eagle Bend United Methodist Church presiding. Iris passed from this world at the age of 89 years and 11 months on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at her home in Eagle Bend. Iris Mae Kopp was born on May 6, 1921, at Freeman Creek in Iona Township, Minnesota to Frank and Henrietta (Kaemmer) Kopp, the third in a family of five children. She married Donald Harris Greene on March 22, 1941 at the Freeman Creek Church, Iona Township. Their union was blessed with four children: Roberta, Laurie, Timothy and Thomas. In the early years of their marriage, Iris faithfully kept the family home running smoothly while Harris was supporting the family with his employment at the Eagle Bend Produce and working on government service projects in Alaska, the Aleutian Islands and Greenland. She continued her role as mother and helpmate while Harris began his new carpentry business in the Eagle Bend area. They were very involved in the community and in the United Methodist Church where Iris remained an active member for 70 years. Iris' interests lay with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed embroidering, sewing, baking, cooking, puzzles and her many flower gardens. Many people from the surrounding area have enjoyed her flowers, and have been given bulbs and flowers from her beds. She spent many hours working outside and found great joy in doing so. She and Harris also were found in front of the television set every evening

at 6:30 PM watching "Wheel Of Fortune". Her last trip in July was to Las Vegas to watch granddaughter Kris be a contestant on the show. She loved traveling and spending time with family and friends, and had a great zest for life. Iris was preceded in death by her husband and partner for sixty plus years, Harris in 2002; her parents; son Thomas Kent in 1963 and daughter Laurie Renee Bryant in 2009; brother Raymond Kopp and sisters Verna Rosenquist, Phyllis Kopp and Letha Kopp. She is survived by daughter Roberta (Lyle) Crider of Shakopee, MN; son Timothy (Charlene) Greene of Eagle Bend; grandchildren Elizabeth (DJ) Kennedy, Kristine (Chad) Kilmer, Mitchell (Naomi Kangas) Crider, Kelly (Curtis) Albrecht, Meghan (Philip) Dahlof and Kyle (Laura) Greene; twelve great-grandchildren; son-in-law Wayne Bryant of Ely, NV; brother-in-law Dewayne Rosell of Eagle Bend; and sister-in-law Lorraine Lind of Eagle Bend. Honorary pallbearers were Elizabeth Kennedy, Kristine Kilmer, Naomi Kangas, Kelly Albrecht, Meghan Dahlof and Laura Greene. Pallbearers were David Kennedy, Chad Kilmer, Mitchell Crider, Curtis Albrecht, Philip Dahlof and Kyle Greene. Interment was in the Freeman Creek Cemetery at Iona Township. We rejoice with Mom that she no longer has pain and that she's able to enjoy the feast that has been prepared for her. She was the most positive, faithful, loving, grace-filled person and was dearly loved by all who knew her.

Tribute Wall

JN

“ Oh "Beautiful Iris" - you are going to be so missed but we will keep you in our hearts always. I have been so blessed to have you in my life and loving you has been so easy.

JERISE M NELSON - April 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ To the dear, dear family of Iris Greene:

Iris was an absolutely wonderful, amazing, kind, selfless woman. Whenever I saw her, she had a smile on her face and something kind to say. She was incredibly proud of the family she had built, especially her great-grandchildren! I'll never forget when DJ & Beth welcomed their first child into the world; I saw Iris in Bisel's and she looked at me with a huge grin on her face then said, "I am just over the moon! I have another great-grandbaby!" Iris will forever be remembered as the woman she truly was: devoted, faithful, kind, selfless, beautiful, and very loving. Our thoughts are with your entire family during this rough time. Iris will forever be smiling upon us from the arms of God in Heaven. Cherish the memories you have, and may God bless your wonderful family!

*Love,
Robin and Lydia Weishair*

Robin Weishair - April 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

OB

“ Geri and I feel blessed we had a good visit with Iris just a month ago. We talked about her 90th birthday coming up in May. We had helped her celebrate several previous birthdays at Tim's men's chorus concert in Staples. She would really "beam" when Tim's chorus sang her happy birthday.

Iris always had a great smile and warm thoughts about whoever might come up in a conversation. We remember her from our days in the EB Methodist Church and have always felt to be part of the Greene family. Orv worked with Harris for several years and often had great cookies and cake for the working men.

When Harris was away in Greenland, the Brobergs and Greenes spent Christmas Eve together at the Greene house.

We will surely miss you, Iris. You were most fortunate to have such great children and grandchildren to love and support you all these years.

We are happy you are now home and in the good Lord's care.

Heaven probably needs another good cook!!

Much love to you all and May God Bless the entire Greene family.
Orv and Geri

Orv and Geri Broberg - April 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ You were dearly loved Aunt Iris and we will all miss you greatly. I will always remember the beauty of your gardens and how you and my grandmother shared that love. I carry that love also. I know how much grandma and grandpa will enjoy being with you again.”

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. She was dearly loved and I know how much she will be missed. God bless you.

Debbie Sotebeer - April 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Aunt Iris was just a very special person in our life. May not seen her as much as we should but memories are all beautiful ones. She was always happy, very friendly and out going and very welcoming to everyone. Always had something positive to say about people and never talked negatively about anyone.
She always had her coffee pot and ready for treats and coffee.
Super cook and baker. Just a super super lovely lady to everyone!!!!

rose joarnt - April 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ We are sorry not to be with you as you celebrate the life of Aunty Iris. We send our love and will bring our hugs in person this summer. The wonderful memories are many as she so touched our lives during our growing up years and our adult years. We are part of a family where the adults cared deeply about us and lived their faith by example. We especially enjoyed our sharing times this past summer when eating for Aunt Iris was such a struggle but her smile and love was so genuine, always interested in what was happening in our lives.
What a party they must be having in Heaven!! We are thinking of the many family members who so shaped our lives and now are together in the Heavenly Kingdom! Do you suppose they are eating things like Aunt Iris's Rice Pudding? My recipe card says she brought it to Uncle Kens August 16, 1981.
Aunt Iris was a beautiful person that gave so much of herself to others. We will miss her. Love, Duane and Barbie

Duane and Barbie Koep - April 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *It was a real blessing to get to know Iris, if only briefly. Her strong commitment to her faith and her family were a true inspiration. She lived her life well and it was evident even in her death. I pray that the family will find tremendous comfort in that knowledge.*

*God bless,
Daryl Jacobson*

Daryl Jacobson - April 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Dearest Aunt Iris,

You can never be replaced, and will always be missed, until the day that we rejoin you in heaven.

You were a very rare person indeed! Many people say nice things about someone who has passed, but in your case, all the nice things said are actually true! Words are inadequate to describe you, but let me try:

Graciousness: You embodied grace, and graciousness. You didn't just exhibit graciousness, you WERE graciousness. Everyone was always welcome in your house, even in times when I'm sure you didn't feel well, were tired, or had other things to do. I am sure that Websters will be adding your picture next to the word gracious in the dictionary.

Positive: Positive is the next word. You didn't live a trouble free life, but those who didn't know you well would have thought you did, because you never let life's troubles slow you down for long, and were always looking ahead with hope at what could be, rather than behind. A good model for us all!

Servant: You did what Christ did, emptying out your life, to pour life into others, including your family, your friends, and your church. Enough said on that.

Laughter: You always liked to laugh (as do I, and now my daughter Lauren). This was a good medicine for you, and for all of those around you. This will be very much missed.

In closing, Proverbs 31 sums it all up pretty well, and maybe I should have just referenced that passage as your tribute and left it at that, but your impact on me was personal, and I wanted my tribute to be personal as well. I can never repay you for all the kindnesses you've shown my family and I over the years, and of

course, you would not want me to, but hopefully, this at least expresses a little of my gratefulness.

With Great love, to my Great Aunt Iris,

Dane

Dane Anderson

Dane & Sandy Anderson - April 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM