



Maxcine Erickson

December 3, 1916 - April 20, 2011

Maxcine Josephine McPeck Erickson was born to Frank McPeck and Mary (Goodro) McPeck Palmer on December 3, 1916 in Lewellen, NE. She loved to tell stories of how she moved from Nebraska to Wadena, Minnesota, by covered wagon train (three or four wagons). She also took pride in the life she lived in Louisiana in a colony as a young girl where they shared their rewards of a large farm and it's produce. Before marrying Elmer Aaron Erickson on April 24, 1936, Maxcine worked at the Commercial Hotel in Wadena. She began working at JC Penneys in the mid 50's and continued working there until her retirement. She and Elmer had a small farm north of Wadena. A few years after he died, she moved into Humphrey Manor where she lived until 3½years ago when she moved to Inga's Assisted Living north of Wadena. Maxcine was an active member of Leaf River Sew Sew Homemakers Club, Sebeka and Wadena Senior Citizen's Centers, and a life member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary in Wadena, and the American Legion Auxiliary in Sebeka. She loved dancing and was instrumental in organizing the Singles Dances at the VFW for several years. Homemaking and her grandchildren were a great joy in her life. Maxcine passed away on April 20, 2011 at the age of 94, at Inga's Assisted Living in rural Wadena, under the care of Tri-County Hospital Hospice. She was preceded in death by her husband Elmer on October 23, 1985; her parents Frank and Mary; and her firstborn infant son. She is survived by son Jesse (Rita) Erickson of Ottertail; daughters Audrey (Terry) Petersen of Spring, TX, and Carol (Rich) Taggart of Wadena; 10

grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, & 5 great-great-grandchildren; and sister Thelma (Issac) McLaughlin of Charlotte, NC. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on April 25, 2011 at the Johnson Memorial Home Chapel in Wadena, with Pastor Jeff Heisler officiating. A memorial was given by the Sebeka Legion Auxiliary, and "Memories of Mom", written by Audrey Peterson, was read by great-granddaughters Alyssa Hay and Morgan Taggart. Music was provided by her son Jesse Erickson and granddaughter Tracy Frost. Honorary pallbearers were grandsons Jim Johns, Wade Johns, Jeff Johns, and great-grandsons Aaron Taggart, Gavin Taggart, Dylan Taggart, Logan Taggart, and James Taggart. Active pallbearers were grandsons Quentin Johns, Rick Taggart, Randy Taggart, Kelly Taggart, Tim Taggart, and great-grandson Kyle Taggart. Interment was in Leaf River Cemetery in rural Wadena. A lunch will follow the service at the VFW in Wadena.

Tribute Wall

WF

“ Of course we will all miss you greatly.. Wish I could have gotten there to see you one more time..Anyway I know you are at peace now and in a better place..You will have grandpa again so that's good right.. will have to wait awhile till we meet again.. love Jeff

wade and chris johns and family - April 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ To the greatest Grandma in the world. I love you and I miss you. You get some rest now and the next time I see you, you can teach me how to do the polka.

Love Jaime

James Johns - April 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I was a shy and quiet kid, I didn't say much, but I observed & felt many things. I always felt special when I was by Aunt Maxcine, and I was in awe of her. As a small kid I thought she was a movie star; after all she wore high heels, danced and worked in a gigantic department store. I'm not sure how that blended with cleaning chickens and making head cheese but she was a full package deal! She certainly could be stubborn and vocal, but I believe that's an inherited family trait noted among many of us! I also remember the support and love that she gave my family during times of death and loss. It was Aunt Maxcine we called....and she was always there. Now I picture her and Uncle Elmer dancing with the angels...what a glorious site! And she'll be able to chat with the rest of the family, and let them know what beautiful grandchildren they have here on earth. "Dancing, laughing and talking...she's one happy angel!"

Donna Drobny - April 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AP

I am remembering my mother this evening and wishing I could talk to her.

Audrey M. Petersen - June 06, 2025 at 10:19 PM

MJ

“ *Audrey and family...I was sad when I saw that your Mom had passed..She had a good, long life, but it's so difficult to say goodbye, and a pain in one's heart to lose the last parent. I wish I could attend the funeral, but Dick has an appointment in Fargo that day. However, you will certainly be in my thoughts and prayers.. God Bless....Cis*

Michelle Johns - April 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *I will miss my Mother greatly; I think of all the times we have shared. I especially remember coming from Hawaii for her 80th birthday in the midst of terrible blizzard conditions. She still had a great turn out and she and I sat up all night in the middle of her bed enjoying all of her cards and good wishes. Then we had another bash at the VFW when she turned 90 and it was a wonderful tribute. Seemed like everyone that came just stayed - did not want to leave. I thank the VFW in Wadena that they are opening their arms of hospitality one more time for Mom for the luncheon following her services on Monday. I thank all of you for sharing our loss with us.*

Audrey Petersen, Daughter - April 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM