



Merle Watkins

September 20, 1925 - March 21, 2011

Merle “Catherine” Watkins was born to Albert and Luella (Linge) Mack on September 20, 1925, in Estherville, IA. She passed away on March 21, 2011, at the age of 85, at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples, MN. Catherine Mack and Wayne Watkins were united in marriage on November 25, 1950, in Verndale. She was employed as a science teacher and was a member of the National Education Association and the Illinois Teachers Association. When time allowed she pursued her interests in gardening, flowers, and fishing. Catherine was preceded in death by her parents Albert and Luella; son William; daughter Betty; and brother Gail. She is survived by her dedicated husband Wayne of Verndale; daughter-in-law Gwendolyn Watkins of Oak Park, IL; three grandchildren & two great-grandchildren; brother Pat (Darlene) Mack of East Bethel; and sisters Lela (Don) Heuer of Brooklyn Center, and Susan (Ron) Davis of Plano, TX. Memorial services were held at 11:00 a.m. on March 25, 2011 in the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Verndale, with Pastor Darryl Jacobson officiating. Interment will be held at a later date in the Woodside Cemetery in Wrightstown.

Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept our sincere sympathy in the passing of Catherine. She was a strong Christian and had a great impact on the development of her grandchildren. Wayne, stand tall and proud of all the two of you accomplished together. You, personally, have shown us what a commitment to a spouse is. Patrick, Katy and Christine please focus on all the good times your family and extended family have had together. Gwen, I don't think she could have found a better daughter-in-law. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Please let us know if there is anything we can do.

With much love,

Gary, Kim, Chuck, Stephanie and Lindsay

Gary Randles - March 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Wayne--my sympathies to you on the loss of Catherine. I know the last year or so has been very difficult. I was thinking of how Catherine visited my mom often in the last years of her life. Mom always appreciated those visits.

May God care deeply for you during this time of loss!

Carolyn Heuer Tonneson

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