



## Noreen Reece

November 27, 1915 - April 15, 2011

Noreen A. Reece was born to Thomas and Anna (Jacobson) Attleson on November 27, 1915 at their home in Verndale, MN. She was the middle child with three sisters and one brother older and three brothers and one sister younger than she was. Noreen Attleson and George D. Reece were united in marriage on February 14, 1935 in Staples. They moved to George's parents' farm in Leaf River Township northeast of Wadena, and later bought a farm from Curt and Eva Reece. To this union, seven children were born, three sons and four daughters. Noreen was always busy on the farm and in the garden working with George and raising the family. Many times there were extra people at their home and she often helped her neighbors. George died in April 1977, and in 1978 she sold the farm and moved into Wadena. She enjoyed reading, poetry, gardening, quilting, church rummage sales, traveling, and anything historical including family history. She found time to drive ladies to their appointments and was sure to have food and coffee ready for visitors. She was an active member at Immanuel Lutheran Church and Wadena County Historical Society. Noreen passed away at the age of 95 years on April 15, 2011 at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena. She was preceded in death by her husband George on April 26, 1977; her parents Thomas and Anna; sons Harlan on May 26, 1958 and Charles on March 31, 2005; two grandsons; brothers Thomas, Elmer, Noel, and Arthur; sisters Gladys (Arnold) Grewe, Evelyn (Vern) Halverson; Louise (Gerhart) Grewe, and Marie (Don) Shaw. She is survived by her son David (Diane) Reece of Hutchinson;

daughters Lois Nelson of Perham, Donna (Ralph) Lundahl of Dassel, Karen (LaVern) Erkenbrack of Wadena, and Renee (Jim) Murray of Cedar; 18 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren, & 9 great-great-grandchildren; and daughter-in-law Berni Reece. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on April 19, 2011, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena, with Pastor Marilyn Breckenridge officiating. Honorary pallbearers were Noreen's granddaughters, and active pallbearers were her grandsons. Interment was in Leaf River Cemetery in rural Wadena.

# Tribute Wall

GP

“ *My sincere condolences to your family. I only came to be acquainted with Noreen after my Mother, Opal Forsell came to live at Fair Oaks too. Mostly because of their common connection to Immanuel Lutheran.*

*Your Mother must have been a kind and caring person and raised her daughters in the same mode. Thank you for sharing with me of 'your reading of poetry' to your Mother. A lesson that I will remember. As you grieve the absence of your Mother in your lives I think those hours of reading will be a pleasant memory for you.....along with a lifetime of your times together.*

*Sincerely, Gail Pierson*

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**Gail Pierson** - April 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. We got to know each other when my mom was at FOL Marcella Kopveiler. There are many memories made with all new friends, Your mom was always so proud on music day when she was surrounded by her family and we were introduced many times by her and she was always proud of you. She will be missed and cherish the moments you had together.*

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**Dian DeYonge** - April 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Noreen. The tribute was so very nice with all of the pictures. I know that my Mom saw your Mother as a second Mom after the passing of her's at the age of 16. I saw your Mom while visiting mine during the short stay she had at Fair Oaks. It must be Leaf River that produced those beautiful smiles.

*I missed seeing you Renee at Beverly's funeral but enjoyed talking with your siblings.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you All. Love Kathy*

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**Kathy (schwartz) kortas** - April 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ We are so sorry - we did not know of Noreen's passing, until my mom (Maxcine Erickson) passed away on April 20. When into Johnson's making mom's funeral arrangements, I learned of Noreen's passing. Noreen was really a special lady - as you all know. We both feel really bad that we missed her funeral ---

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**Carol J Taggart** - April 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ I worked at Fair Oaks Lodge as Activities Aide. I so enjoyed Noreen. Her sense of humor was a delight. The dedication of her daughters warmed my heart. I remember Noreen saying, "I used to have 4 daughters, now I have 4 mothers." I look forward to seeing Noreen again, one day, in Paradise.

*Laurie Ness*

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**Laurie Ness** - April 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. The tribute was so very nice with all of the pictures. Many fond memories of the 4-H events that were held on your farm and the fine cooking your mom shared with us. She was a very dedicated and caring person.  
With sympathy  
The Auel Family

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**Janice Auel Hofer** - April 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM