



Serena Endres

June 16, 1913 - March 17, 2009

Serena Katherine (Greiner) Endres, formerly of Bluffton, MN, passed away at the age of 95 on March 17, 2009 at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena. She was born on June 17, 1913, in Luxemburg, IA, to John and Theresa (Hahn) Greiner. Serena was married to Alphonse Endres on November 15, 1932 in Luxemburg, IA. They were married for 50 years until his death in May 1983. Together they had eight children. They moved to the Endres family farm in Bluffton in 1936. She helped her husband farm, tended a large garden, and enjoyed raising her chickens. She was a lifetime member of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bluffton, was active in the Christian Mother's Society, and belonged to the Bluffton Senior Citizens Group. She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren, playing bingo and cards. Serena was preceded in death by her husband, Alphonse; son, Duane; her father and mother, John and Theresa Greiner; one great-granddaughter; and 11 brothers and sisters. Survivors include her children, Patricia (Nicholas) Schmitz of Verndale, Doris (James) Geber of Milwaukie, OR, Judith (Henri) Chastanet of Homosassa, FL, Merlin (Shirley) Endres of Woodinville, WA, Vernon (Laurie) Endres of Kenmore, WA, Sheila (Ron) McConnachie of Brier, WA, Dean (Cheri) Endres of Bluffton; 26 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Marie Meyers, Helen Gogel, and Jeanette Reed, all of Iowa; and many nieces and nephews. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, March 21, 2009, at 11:00 AM at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bluffton with Father

Donald Wagner as celebrant. Honorary pallbearers were her grandchildren. Active pallbearers were grandsons, Daniel Chastanet, Henri Chastanet, Mark Schmitz, Scott Endres, Kevin Endres, and Jeff Endres. Interment was in St. John the Baptist Cemetery in Bluffton.

Tribute Wall

KE

“ I remember after Dad had passed away, that every time I went to the farm to visit with Grandma, she would always see me walk into her trailer house, and with a smile on her face, call me Duane. It always took her a minute to realize I wasn't Dad, but she was so happy to see me. She always asked if I was dating someone, for she felt that I deserved to have a good woman in my life, and she never wanted me to be alone. I'll miss her dearly, but I know she's now with Dad and Grandpa and looking down on everyone she loved.

Kevin Endres - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ I didn't come to visit Serena and Phonse much, however, I do have several fond memories. When I was young, Mom, Dad, Charlie and I came to visit and would watch the milking and rode the wagon when Dean and Phonse bailed hay. Of course, the 50th wedding anniversary was a great time visiting with all the cousins. It was a trip I will always remember.

Phyllis Gogel - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I always remembered Serena on her birthday for we shared the same day.
Our family visited Serena a lot when Mom, Loretta Schwartz, was also in the nursing home. We would bring Holy Communion to Mom and brought extra for those who wanted to share our little service. Serena was usually there. She loved her children and always had good things to say about them.
May her soul rest in Peace and you children accept God's plan.
Marge :)

Marge Schwartz Mohs Harrison - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ I only met Grandma Endres once, just this past thanksgiving. But from that meeting, I could easily tell that she was a pistol. As I read her obituary I thought of my own Grandma who died a few years back. She was also born in 1913. Grandma's are really special people. During this sad occasion, please make sure you take some time to celebrate her life and remember how your life is better because she was in it.

Chuck Adkins - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ We always enjoyed visiting grandma and will truly miss her. We were lucky enough to make a lot of great memories with her that we will always keep with us. She was a very special person in our lives and will be missed by many. We love you grandma!

Edith Korkowski - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ i thoroughly enjoyed visiting with at Fair Oaks. she was alot of fun and always had a sense of humor.I will miss that. She always wondered how norbert and vivian were doing as they were the oldest living married couple in the bluffton catholic church.

katherine marie rohr - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM