

God gives us each a gift of life

To cherish from our birth.

He gives us friends and those we love

To share our days on earth.

He watches us with loving care

And takes us by the hand,

He blesses us with countless joys

And guides the lives we've planned.

Then, when our work on earth is done,

He calls us to His side,

To live with Him in happiness

Where peace and love abide.



In Loving Memory

Marcelyne Almquist



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Marcelyne Jeannette Almquist, daughter of Herbert Franklin and Hazel Leota (Adams) Stokes, was born on November 8, 1926 near Tabor, Iowa. She entered into the arms of her Lord on Saturday morning, March 10, 2018 at Goldenrod Manor in Clarinda, Iowa, at the age of 91 years, 4 months, 2 days.

Growing up, Marcelyne attended school in Shenandoah and Essex. On January 21, 1943, she was united in marriage to Marvin Almquist in Elkins, West Virginia. They were blessed with four children, Gary, Darla, Joyce and Kathe.

For several years during World War II, while Marvin served in the Army Air Corp, Marcelyne lived and worked in California. She returned to Shenandoah and after Marvin's return at the end of the war, they began life together farming near Essex and later near Coin. Upon retirement in 1984, they moved to an acreage outside of Shenandoah. They had a second home in Tucson, Arizona where they spent their winters.

Marcelyne was an active member of the Norwich Methodist Church until 2016 when she joined the College Springs Presbyterian Church. She was well known for her cooking and baking and was happiest when she could entertain and feed her large family. During her 91 years, she enjoyed square dancing, traveling and camping, golfing, following sports events of their children and later, their grandchildren, sewing and gardening. Her greatest joy came from being with her family, which grew to over 70.

Preceding her in death were her husband; daughter, Kathe Fichter; great-great grandson, Reeve Heuton; her parents; brothers, Robert and Wayne; and sisters, Arduth and Dorothy.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Gary Almquist and wife Marcia of Magnolia, TX, Darla Burch and husband Ed of Braddyville, IA, Joyce Vardaman and husband Randal of Sun Valley Lake at Ellston, IA; son-in-law, Fred Fichter of Randolph, IA; 12 grandchildren; 32 great grandchildren; 10 great-great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; other relatives; and many friends.

Following the committal service, lunch and fellowship with the family will be held at the Almquist home, 1895 C Ave, Shenandoah.

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Visitation

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 15, 2018
Nishna Valley Funeral Home
Shenandoah, Iowa

Funeral Service

2:00 p.m.
Friday, March 16, 2018
Nishna Valley Funeral Home
Shenandoah, Iowa

Words of Comfort

Pastor Jim Crapson
College Springs Presbyterian Church

Casket Bearers

Brian Almquist Brad Almquist Doug Burch Mike Burch
Jason Vardaman Blake Vardaman Kyle Fichter Brian Fudge

Honorary Bearers

Brenda Swanson Amy Barker Kim Madison

Music

"Amazing Grace"
"Children Of The Heavenly Father"

Registry Attendant

Phyllis Funk

Place of Rest

Rose Hill Cemetery
Shenandoah, Iowa

Memorials

College Springs Presbyterian Church
Help A Heart