



Irene Jongeling

January 11, 1924 - October 15, 2020

Irene Jongeling, 96, of Parker/Chancellor, SD, died Thursday, October 15, 2020 at Sanford USD Medical Center, Sioux Falls, SD.

Adeline Irene Jacobson was born on January 11, 1924 in Sioux Falls, SD, the daughter of Charlie A. and Elvira O. (Nelson) Jacobson. She grew up and attended school in Brandon, SD, graduating from Brandon High School in 1942. She went on to earn her teaching certificate from Beadle State Teacher's College. She attended Sioux Falls College and Augustana College and earned an elementary education degree, graduating in 1960. Irene had worked as an elementary school teacher. She had also worked in the office for Cargill and at the Sioux Falls Army Force Air Force Base in Sioux Falls during WWII.

On September 30, 1960 she was united in marriage to Fred Jongeling at Valley Springs, SD. The couple, made their home on a farm 3 miles NW of Chancellor, SD. Husband Fred died on October 29, 1982.

Irene was a member of the Chancellor Reformed Church where she was active in the Reformed Church Women's Ministries and the Dorcas Circle. She was also a member of the Chancellor American Legion Auxiliary. Irene's interests included: cardinals, bird watching, bird feeding, vocal music, especially solos and duets with her sister. She was known for her love and concern for animals, especially her many cats and dogs.

Besides her parents and husband Fred, Irene was preceded in death by her sister, Elaine Ganschow and three infant brothers.

Grateful for having shared her life are her children: Madge (Alan) Bruflat, Wayne, NE and son, Jessie Jongeling, Colton, SD and two grandchildren; special niece, Jean Tesch, Lennox, as well as other relatives and friends. Public services will begin 10:00 a.m. Monday, October 19 at Chancellor Reformed Church. Public visitation, also at Chancellor Reformed Church, with the family present, will be 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending love and prayers on the loss of your sweet Mom, Irene.*

Tami Haan - October 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Sorry to hear about the loss of your mother*

Linda (Bornitz) Broshears - October 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Madge & family, I'm sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. I loved the short visit that she & I had when Mom was in the Lennox home and I'd stopped by for a visit. Even though I'd been gone from Chancellor for almost 40 years at the time, she knew my face and who I was when we met in the doorway after the music program.*

I can still remember her voice from when she did special music during church services.

I hope you find comfort knowing that others care and share your sorrow and that your memories will continue to grow more beautiful in your heart.

Debra (Minkel) Petersen - October 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM