



Opal Henriksen-Abbas

October 22, 1927 - May 23, 2011

Opal Henriksen-Abbas, 83, died Monday, May 23, 2011 at the Canton Good Samaritan Center. Opal VanEssen was born on October 22, 1927, at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the daughter of Tony and Kate (DeVries) VanEssen. She grew up in the Canton, Fairview and the Beloit, IA areas. On September 15, 1950 she married Robert Henriksen at Fairview. The couple lived on a farm near Fairview and the traveled due to Robert's construction jobs. The family settled at their home west of Worthing in 1960. Robert died on March 19, 1977. Opal then married Julius Abbas on October 22, 1990. He died on October 6, 1997. Opal was a devoted wife and homemaker. She was a member of the First English Lutheran Church, Lennox and the Worthing American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed gardening and loved the color purple. Besides her parents and husbands, Opal was preceding in death by one son Tim on August 10, 1963, a granddaughter, Paula Henriksen on February 11, 1975; two brothers: Henry VanEssen and Casey Niemeyer and two sisters: Bessie Peters and Hermina VanDenHul. Grateful for having shared her life are her children: Larry (Darla) Henriksen, Worthing, Tom (Virginia) Henriksen, Sioux Falls and Lois (Edward) Fett, Lennox; seven grandchildren: Luke (Jackie) Henriksen, Dave (Andrea) Henriksen, Justin (Katelyn) Henriksen, Kyle Henriksen and Tiffany Henriksen all of Sioux Falls, Bill (Marjet) Lowe, Motley, MN and Brian Fett, Lennox; five great-grandchildren as well as a host of other relatives and friends. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 27 at First English Lutheran Church, Lennox with burial to follow in the Worthing

Cemetery. Visitation will begin at noon Thursday with the family present from 7 to 8 p.m. at Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Lennox.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Opal's family*
My sincere gratitude and sympathy to all of you. You were very fortunate to enjoy the life you had with Opal. She was a great great lady and kind person. I wish the best to you all.
Kindest regards,
Brian Lind

Brian Lind - May 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Opal. She always put a smile on your face at the nursing home. She loved her sweets and found a way to get them out of you. She will be missed.*

Val - May 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Lois and family*
I am so sorry for the loss of your mom, time just has gone by so fast. Seeing her picture in the paper this morning brought back alot of great memories and alot of laughs that she brought to my life. My prayers are with you all and please let me know if we can help in anyway. I won't be able to get to the service but please know that I am thinking of you!
Shawn

Shawn Greenwood Sandnes - May 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *What Hope for Dead Loved Ones?—“If a man die, shall he live again?” asked the man Job long ago. (Job 14:14, King James Version) Perhaps you, too, have wondered about this. How would you feel if you knew that a reunion with your loved ones was possible right here on earth under the best of conditions? Well, the Bible makes the promise: “Your dead ones will live. . . . They will rise up.” And the Bible also says: “The righteous themselves will possess the earth, and they will reside forever upon it.”—Isaiah 26:19; Psalm 37:29. Yet, because you have confidence in the resurrection, your sorrow will not be unrelenting. As the Bible says, you will “not sorrow just as the rest also do who have no hope.” (1 Thessalonians 4:13) Rather, you will draw close to God in prayer, and the Bible promises that “he himself will sustain you.”—Psalm 55:22.*

JERMEY - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM