



Wilmina "Mina" Poppens

June 27, 1931 - December 11, 2024

Wilmina "Mina" Poppens, age 93, of Tea, SD, passed away on December 11, 2024, at the Mary Jane Brown Good Samaritan Center, Luverne, MN. Wilmina DeRuyter was born on June 27, 1931, at Rock Valley, IA, the daughter of Dick and Lena (Kooistra) DeRuyter. She grew up on farms near Rock Valley, IA and Hills, MN, attending rural school. After completing the eighth grade she began working, ironing and baby sitting, to supplement the family income. She then continued her work life in window dressing at Shriver's in Sioux Falls, John Morrell & Co., church secretary for the American Reformed Church. Tri-State Insurance, Lee's Meat's, and cleaned numerous homes in Sioux Falls. Later she worked for the Tea School District. On May 2, 1950, Mina was married to Allen Franken at Christain Reformed Church, Hills, MN. The couple lived in Valley Springs, Ruthton, MN, Michigan and Luverne, MN. Three children were born to this union. Husband, Allen passed away on November 8, 1973. Mina was compelled to return to school and earned her GED to obtain better job prospects. Mina married Edwin Poppens on March 24, 1984 at American Reformed Church in Luverne, MN. The couple made their home on a farm near Tea, SD. They enjoyed travel and attending gospel quartets. Mina was an active and faithful member of Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. She taught Sunday school and belonged to the Christian Women's group. She enjoyed sewing everything from doll clothing to wedding dresses. She was an excellent cook and baker who made countless pies, cookies, wedding cakes, and every grandchild's birthday cake. She also

enjoyed gardening, crafts and puzzles. Mina was known to wash her house and even shingle her own garage. One might wonder how she did it all. Well, Mina loved her coffee. Grateful for having shared her life are her husband of over 40 years, Ed; children: Lori Lou Taubert, Luverne, Kevin Jay Franken, Robbinsdale, MN, and David Dean (Shelly) Franken, Canton; step-children: Janice (Al) Schmuck, Sioux Falls, Gordan (Lynn) Poppens, Tea, James Poppens, Tea, Sharon Poppens, Sioux Fall, and Kathy Day, Georgetown, TX; 12 grandchildren: Seth Taubert, Matthew (Morgan Johnson) Taubert, Andrew (Nicolette) Schmuck, Jennifer (Taylor Maegaert) Poppens, Nicole (Dan) O'Neal, Daniel (Blair) Poppens, Dustin Poppens, Kristin Poppens, Adam Poppens, Samantha (Gabe) Gier, Makayla (Zach) Olson, and Gavyn Olson, and 15 great-grandchildren; sister, Carol (Richard) Hill, Fort Worth, TX, sisters-in-law: Shirley DeRuyter, Linda (Rich) Wissink, Fran DeRuyter, and Arlis Poppens, as well as a host of other relatives and friends. Besides her parents and first husband, Allen, Mina was preceded in death by two grandsons, Ryan Schmuck and Brian Poppens; one great-granddaughter, Eirinn Donnelly, and seven siblings: Gert (Dick) Van Engen, John (Margaret) DeRuyter, Spark DeRuyter, Mary (Pete) Gunnink, Rich DeRuyter, Nellie (John) Schoonhaven, and Gerrit DeRuyter. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m., Monday, December 16, 2024, at Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, followed by fellowship time and then burial in the Pleasant View Cemetery, Valley Springs, SD. Visitation, also at Lennox Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, with the family present, will be 3 to 5 p.m., Sunday. In lieu of flowers memorials are requested to Children's Inn, Sioux Falls or Gideon's International.

Tribute Wall

PL

“ *Dave and family, please accept our condolences on the loss of your mother. Bless you.
Paula and Darrin*

Paula Lindblom - December 15, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Dear Uncle Ed and family, Lee and I were so sorry to hear of Mina’s passing. She was such a wonderful, sweet person. She was loved by all. Just wish we had lived closer to you.*

We also wish the best for you. These are such very sad times for you I’m sure .

All our thoughts and prayers for you at this time.

Love, Lee and Dev Skimming

Devera mae skimming - December 15, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Mina was one of the sweetest, most talented woman to know. Will miss her kind smile.
Take care all, thinking of you.*



Jeane & Jack Leslie - December 15, 2024 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ I’m so sorry for your loss! Mina was the sweetest lady! I know she will be missed by all! I have several happy memories of Mina, myself! I’ve missed her homemade birthday cakes! Rest in peace Mina! â€”
Penni Taubert



Penni Taubert - December 14, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Sending my deepest sympathies to Mina’s family. May God comfort each of you in your time of sorrow. â€”

Lauret Haupert - December 14, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AU

“ To one of the kindest and most gentle persons that I have had pleasure of knowing. She always had a smile and kind words for you. She loved life and Spent every waking moment making this a better world. She taught all of us to love unconditional. She love her family and her legacy will live in all of us till we once again meet her in heaven. I am proud to call her my Aunt. I am sorry that I won’t be there to give you all hugs but please know that I am with you in spirit
Love Audrey Ramsbacher(niece)



Audrey - December 13, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Only God knows HOW VERY MUCH I'll Miss my dear sister, Mina! BUT --- I KNOW WHERE SHE IS, and I'm so Glad she suffers no more!!
And I know I will See Her Again! All My Love, Carol (and Richard)

Richard and Carol Hill - December 13, 2024 at 12:00 AM