

Esther Regina Wallin ^{64-R} 7-17-2014

Esther Regina Wallin, daughter of Victor and Esther (Swanson) Nelson, was born on June 25, 1923, in Page County, Iowa. She passed away on July 11, 2014, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell, Iowa, at the age of 91. Regina attended school in Page County country schools and graduated from Essex High School in 1941. Upon graduation, she attended Red Oak Junior College and Clarinda Junior College and graduated with a teaching certificate. She taught in several country schools throughout Page County, Iowa, for eight years.



On June 4, 1944, Regina was united in marriage to Duane Wallin at Bethesda Lutheran Church. To this union, three daughters were born: Carol, Nancy and Jeanine. Farming until 1955, the family then moved to Essex, Iowa, and raised their children. Regina was a substitute teacher in the Essex Public Schools, where she later assumed responsibility for cooking and managing the school hot lunch program. She and Duane both retired from the Essex school system in 1990 and she continued to live in Essex, spending winters with their daughter, Nancy, in Euless, Texas, until 2013.

Regina was a longtime member and faithful participant in many church activities at St. John's including: Sunday School teacher, Lutheran Church Women, Ruth Circle, and the Quilters. She enjoyed the fellowship and sharing of her faith through weekly Bible studies. She was a charter member of the Study and Service Club in Essex where she continued as an active honorary member until her death. Regina was an enthusiastic, loyal supporter of Essex Trojan sports and school activities as demonstrated by proudly wearing her red school jacket and displaying her Trojan yard sign. She was an avid reader and collected all types of decorative frogs.

Regina was preceded in death by her husband, Duane, brother, Lysle Nelson, sisters-in-law, Betty Nelson and Gladys Nelson and her parents.

Regina is survived by her children: Carol (Tom) Sandholm of Grinnell, Iowa, Nancy (Gerald) Brazell of Euless, Texas and Jeanine (Todd) Schademann of Council Bluffs, Iowa; six grandchildren: Gerald Brazell, Jr., Amber Brazell, Heather (Darren) Kleis, Heidi (Jeff) Knobloch, Bryan (Ellen) Sandholm, and Will Schademann; thirteen great grandchildren: Gerald Brazell III, Averey Knobloch, Corbin Kleis, Elsa Knobloch, Bergin Kleis, Adam Brazell, Anna Coates, Audrey Sandholm, Lauren Sandholm, Candace Brazell, Meryl Sandholm, August Knobloch, and Eva Sandholm; one brother, Darrell (Jule) Nelson of Pueblo, Colo.; and nephews, Dennis, Tim and Dan Nelson and other relatives and many friends.

The family of Regina Wallin wishes to express their gratitude for the acts of kindness shown to them in their time of sorrow.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 am, Wednesday, July 16, 2014, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Essex, Iowa, with Rev. Jerry Lamb officiating. Visitation with the family was held from 6-8pm, Tuesday, July 15, 2014, at Hackett-Livingston Funeral Home in Shenandoah, Iowa. Burial was held at the Essex Cemetery in Essex, Iowa. Memorials may be directed to St. Francis Manor in Grinnell, Iowa, or St. John's Lutheran Church in Essex, Iowa. Remembrances and condolences may be shared at www.hackettlivingston.com. Hackett-Livingston Funeral Home in Shenandoah, Iowa, is in charge of arrangements.