



Alice Eckard

February 21, 1929 - December 2, 2020

Alice Darlene Eckard, 91, of Spirit Lake passed away on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at the Accura Healthcare Center in Milford. A private family graveside service will be held in the Lakeland Memory Gardens Cemetery in Spirit Lake.

Alice was born on February 21, 1929 in Spirit Lake to Laurence (Lauritz) and Susanna (Eggstein) Rasmussen. She graduated from Superior High School. After graduation she went to work at the Spirit Lake Hospital, where she met her future husband, John Eckard, who was recuperating from a severe auto accident. They were united in marriage on August 27, 1948 in Sioux Falls, SD. He preceded her in death on January 28, 2013. Alice was a homemaker on the farm. She was always busy raising the kids and helping John on the farm.

She was a member of the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church where she was a member of the Methodist Women's Circle. She was also a member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary. In her free time she enjoyed sewing, doing needle work, and working with her hands. Making dolls, cloth ornaments and ceramics were some of her favorites. She had a large collection of Teddy bears. She was a great cook and enjoyed baking for family and friends, and always had many kinds of cookies available to eat. Alice enjoyed growing flowers and had a large garden which provided her family with fresh and

canned vegetables. This love of gardening was passed on to many of her children. In the winter Alice and John both enjoyed playing cards, putting together jigsaw puzzles and bowling. Even though she had Parkinson's for many years, she dealt with it without complaint.

Alice is survived by her 5 children, Dean (Linda) Eckard of Hanover, MN; Dennis (Kathy) Eckard of Bella Vista, AR; Dana (Elizabeth) Eckard of Klamath Falls, OR; David (Eric Alberty) Eckard of Portland, OR; and Deanne Eckard of Palm Bay, FL; six grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren; and her sister Florence (Verlyn) Kramer of Fostoria, IA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother Earl and sisters Julia Manuel and Edna Hale.

The family is planning a Celebration of Alice's life next summer.

Cemetery Details

Lakeland Memory Gardens

Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Tribute Wall

DG

“ *Denise Gillmore lit a candle in memory of Alice Eckard* ”



Denise Gillmore - December 11, 2020 at 11:17 AM

ML

“ *So sad to see of Alice's passing! She was a table mate of my mother's for several years at Milford. Loved to visit with Alice and so missed seeing her these past months! My smpathy to her family!* ”

Marilyn Lewis - December 10, 2020 at 09:56 PM

GS

“ *Gary & Kay Swenson lit a candle in memory of Alice Eckard* ”



Gary & Kay Swenson - December 06, 2020 at 10:49 AM

GS

We will miss the times we would visit John and Alice and play cards or Wii bowling! Always a fun time. Spending time with Alice at the care center, helping her put puzzles together, looking at photos and telling us about her kids and grandchildren! RIP Aunt Alice!

Gary & Kay Swenson - December 06, 2020 at 10:54 AM

LS

“ I’m sorry to hear of Alice’s passing. I visited her a lot in the last 6 years, as I delivered bulletins to her as part of our Health and welfare at the Spirit Lake United Methodist church. She was just a delight and reminded me so much of my mother, who was also a hard working farm wife and active in Methodist women. I sent a memorial in her memory to our church. May your memories give you comfort and peace. Lois Shaffer

lois shaffer - December 05, 2020 at 05:46 PM

BH

“ Bill & Diane Herzog purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Alice Eckard.



Bill & Diane Herzog - December 05, 2020 at 04:35 PM

FC

“ Frank Christenson lit a candle in memory of Alice Eckard



Frank Christenson - December 04, 2020 at 04:26 PM

VU

“ Extending sympathy to the entire Eckard family and especially our classmate Dennis.

On behalf of the SLHS Class of 1968.

Vern Underwood - December 04, 2020 at 01:06 PM

JS

“ Jeffrey VanDer Sluis lit a candle in memory of Alice Eckard



Jeffrey VanDer Sluis - December 04, 2020 at 07:22 AM

MI

“ Mary Ellen Inbody lit a candle in memory of Alice Eckard



mary ellen inbody - December 03, 2020 at 07:30 PM

MI

So sorry to hear about your mom, I remember some shows in Jackson and her smile and many card games. She was a fun gal. ,!!

mary ellen inbody - December 03, 2020 at 07:33 PM

DK

“ Mary and I are saddened to hear that Alice passed. We have lost touch and didn't know she was in Acura. I guess it wouldn't have mattered as we couldn't have seen her any way. You have our sympathy. Since Mary was a Rasmussen and we are on the old Rasmussen farm she was special for us too.
Dale and Mary Kimball

Dale I. Kimball - December 03, 2020 at 03:32 PM

SH

“ I remember Alice so well--from the old farm neighborhood!! My thoughts and prayers to the family! From Sherryl Joines

sherryl - December 03, 2020 at 02:44 PM

BA

“ Beverly Atwell lit a candle in memory of Alice Eckard



Beverly Atwell - December 03, 2020 at 12:25 PM

JC

“ Jeff And Linda Christoffer lit a candle in memory of Alice Eckard



Jeff and Linda Christoffer - December 03, 2020 at 12:08 PM