



## Eunice A. Baird

April 2, 1931 - November 17, 2015

Eunice Ardelle (Rost) Baird, age 84, passed away on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at Keelson Harbour Assisted Living in Spirit Lake. She was born on April 2, 1931, to William and Margaret (Gieser) Rost, at their farm home near Brandt, SD. She was baptized at the church in Brandt, SD, and confirmed at the United Church of Christ in Hartley. In 1934, the family moved to a farm northwest of Everly, IA, and then to a farm northwest of Hartley in 1936, after a tornado destroyed their homestead. In 1940, they moved back to the restored farm northwest of Everly. She completed her elementary education in rural schools and attended high school in Everly, graduating in 1949.

In 1949, while working at Red's Café in Hartley, Eunice met Robert Baird and on April 3, 1951, and they were united in marriage in Jackson, MN. They were blessed with 4 daughters, Monica, Marlene, Cynthia, and Theresa. During their married life, they lived in Hartley, Phoenix, AZ, Spencer, rural Everly, Arnolds Park, Milford, and Spirit Lake, as she and Bob built and remodeled numerous homes, finally ending at the current residence in the Harbor on West Okoboji. Over the years, she worked in a number of different businesses, the longest being her final position as clerk and deputy treasurer of Dickinson County, a position she held for 30 years. During that tenure, she helped to move the tax collection function from a manual process to the first uses of electronic data processing. Retiring at 64, she filled her time mostly with family, which was her greatest passion in life. She also kept busy by

working at Clay County Fair in Spencer, as an election official in Dickinson County, and as a volunteer Pink Lady at Lakes Regional Hospital with a Life Time Membership and over 3,000 hours worked.

The family recalls Eunice and Bob as the center of the family gatherings, which were planned and orchestrated numerous times throughout the year. They always thought first of their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sisters, brothers, nieces, and nephews. Their door was always open to any and all who could join them for whatever the current holiday or event was at hand. Food and refreshments were always plentiful at their table and all who crossed their doorstep were asked to join in. Only one caveat ever existed in the household..... Don't sit on the beds!

Eunice was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert, on February 29, 2012, their infant daughter, Marlene, in 1954, step-grandson, Tim Kuiper in 2013, her parents, three sisters, one brother, their spouses, one niece, and two nephews.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters and their husbands, Monica and Doug Beving of Sioux City, Cynthia and Terry Jensen of Spirit Lake, Theresa and Jim Kuiper of Canton SD; her grandchildren and their families, Chass and Kari Beving of Dakota Dunes in SD, Christopher Ingraham of Spirit Lake, Amy Hammerstrom of Sioux City, and Joshua and Michelle Ingraham of Spotsylvania VA; nine great-grandchildren Skylar, Marcus, Natalie, Hunter, Jack, Casey, Ryan, Sidney and Jenna; and her step family, grandchildren, Michelle Kuiper, Tom and Cindy Kuiper, Sharee and Dave Green, Jacy Jensen, and great-grandchildren Cade, Alexis, Kendal, Kylan, Jordan, Tyler (Bridget), Trevor, and Tatum and great-great-granddaughter, Sloan; 12 nieces, nephews, and their families; a host of friends and extended family members.....and Buffy, her faithful Maltese.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M., on Monday, November 23, 2015, at the First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake. Graveside services will be held at 2:45 P.M., on Monday at Pleasant View Cemetery in Hartley. Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2015, from 3:00-5:00 P.M., at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Memorials may be directed to the family or the Lakes Area Hockey Association.

# Tribute Wall

NB

“ So sorry to learn of Eunice's passing. Always enjoyed visits at family gatherings. Will be sharing the sad news with Mom and Aunt - Janice Nelson and Carol Dahl. Nancy (Nelson) Bohlen

Nancy Bohlen - November 27, 2015 at 10:29 AM

MB

“ Aunt Eunice will be missed. I remeber many times when we came to Iowa to visit, we always stop to see them on the lake. My favorite memory is my son and I fishing off their dock, my Son caught his first fish, he was three at the time. She was a neat lady, always had a smile.. We have the family in our thoughts.love you, Larry, Sandi and Michelle

Michelle Boetel - November 23, 2015 at 05:51 AM

MB

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Michelle Boetel - November 23, 2015 at 05:34 AM

CS

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Chad Schuchert - November 23, 2015 at 12:45 AM

BH

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Eunice was a classmate, neighbor and good friend. She truly loved her whole family and enjoyed all the good times spent with them. The video was wonderful.

Barbara Burger Harms - November 21, 2015 at 10:20 AM

LB

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**Lori Blair** - November 20, 2015 at 09:01 PM

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KW

“ *Chris and line-I am so sorry for your loss, she was a very sweet lady!*

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**Kristie Wintz** - November 20, 2015 at 05:59 PM

DR

“ *We send our sincere sympathy to Eunice's family and friends. Eunice was a classmate and fellow graduate with the Everly class of 1949. It was so nice to see pictures here of all the happy times she enjoyed with her family and friends.*

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**Doris Kenyon Rouse** - November 19, 2015 at 07:19 PM

MK

“ *We are very sorry for your loss our thoughts and prayers are with all of your families. I loved the time we got to spend with you all Eunice and Bob always made us feel at home. May your wonderful memories give you comfort. God Bless you all. roger and Misty Keim and family*

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**misty keim** - November 19, 2015 at 05:44 PM

RN

“ My deepest sympathies to all of the family. Cindy and Monica, such wonderful thought I have from years gone bye of both of your parents! My prayers are with you all!

Rhonda Nelson - November 19, 2015 at 11:13 AM

DB

“ I was sad to hear of Eunice's passing. She was such a nice person and I loved visiting with her at church. My sympathy and prayers to her family. Dayle

Dayle Broocks - November 19, 2015 at 08:56 AM

MD

“ Theresa and family- I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. I remember when your parents hosted the "after prom" breakfast at their house. Great memories!

Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley - November 19, 2015 at 07:45 AM

BW

“ My deepest sympathy to Eunice's family. She was a wonderful lady.

Bev Wittler - November 19, 2015 at 06:22 AM

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Bev Wittler - November 19, 2015 at 06:19 AM

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Bev Wittler - November 19, 2015 at 06:18 AM

NH

“ So sorry for your loss Chris, Skylar & Marcus and the rest of the family. Bob and Eunice were such sweet people. They treated my children like their own grandchildren and always treated us like we were part of the family. Eunice will be greatly missed. Much love.

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**Nathan & Hilery Hanson** - November 18, 2015 at 01:16 PM