



Madge Olson

July 22, 1924 - February 10, 2024

Madge D. Olson of Spirit Lake and Dolliver, age 99, peacefully passed away on February 10, 2024, at Accura Healthcare of Milford.

She was a devoted wife, loving mother, dedicated teacher, passionate gardener, and cherished friend and neighbor. Her needlework is still appreciated by her extended family.

Madge D. Dahms was born to Royal and Mae Dahms near Browntown, Wisconsin on July 22, 1924. There she became a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse for grades 1-8. She married Ronald Clifford Olson in 1951, and they set up a household in Estherville, Iowa, and then moved to the Olson farm near Dolliver, Iowa, in 1956. After her children were in school, Madge continued her teaching career at Lincoln Central Dolliver/Gruver for many years. In 1997, she and Ron moved to the West Okoboji Lake Harbor where she resided until 2023.

Madge is survived by her sons, Mark (Jeanne) Olson of Rochester, MN, Kurt (Melba) Olson of Ames, IA, and her daughter, Cathy (Roger) Thornburg of Estherville, IA. She leaves behind a legacy cherished by seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, her brother Dean Dahms of Maryland, and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Ronald in 2018, two brothers, Frederick and Rex Dahms, and sister-in-law, Velma Olney Stewart Simon.

A celebration of Madge's life and burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of

flowers, donations made in memory of Madge to any of the following would be appreciated, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Spirit Lake or Estherville Public Library, or the Flower garden fund at Accura Healthcare of Milford. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left a www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Just returned home from several months in Arizona. As I look across the street, I realized in a deeper way that my dear neighbor Madge will not be here.

What a joy she was to me...allowing me to pop in whenever I wanted and share bits and pieces of family life. Never mind that she was sitting in the chair with one leg tucked under. Her mind was like that too....much younger than her 90 plus years....full of humor and great insight.

As my own mother followed her 5 years behind, Madge always reminded me to allow my mother make her own decisions, regardless of her age, if her mental capabilities were adequate. It was good advice as my own mother, age 95, is now facing health challenges.

I asked Madge shortly after Ron died if I could have one of her little glass birds to remind me of the great talks we shared. How sweet to see it now perched on the window sill next to where I often sit. I smile when I look at it. The memories are precious.

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