



Maxine E. Olsen

December 23, 1931 - October 17, 2012

Maxine E. Olsen, age 80, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, passed away Wednesday, October 17, 2012, at the Milford Nursing Center. She was born on December 23, 1931, in Sac County, Iowa, to Wylie and Verna (Fort) Shannon.

Maxine graduated from the Nemaha High School. She was united in marriage to Donald Olsen on December 1, 1949, in Nemaha, Iowa. Donald passed away on April 10, 2009.

Maxine held secretarial positions at the A.S.C.S. office in Sac City and then at the Newell School. In the mid 70's, Maxine owned and operated Lots-A-things Gift Shop for several years. In 1977, Maxine and Donald bought the Ford Dealership in Hartley, later retiring to Spirit Lake. She was a member of the United Methodist Church. Maxine enjoyed spending her spare time working with her plants and flowers.

Maxine is survived by her daughter, Rachel Nesheim and her husband, Walter, of Newell; three grandchildren, Hope McCully, Ben (Jill) Nesheim and Kalmer Olsen; great-grandchild, Spencer Allen, Alexis, Kylie and Caden Corrin; sister, Marylynn Petersen; and sister-in-laws, Mary Lou Carney and Connie Olsen; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Donald; and her son, Wylie Kalmer Olsen.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00A.M. Friday, October 19, 2012, at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake. The Schuchert Funeral Home in Spirit Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

MZ

“ We were very saddened to hear of Maxine's passing just this morning. We so enjoyed waiting on you both while you shopped in our store. She was obviously very proud of you and your accomplishments, Rachel. We shall miss her. We send you and your family our sincere sympathies. Julie, Mora, Allison, and Billie from the Fashion Formula.

Mora Zinn - October 19, 2012 at 11:11 AM

RP

“ Our deepest sympathies for the loss of Maxine. I remember her when I lived in Newell or visited Grandma Hunter. She was always beautifully dressed and every hair was in place! My thoughts are with you today, Racheal and family. Sincerely, Rose (Battles) Pruter and Family. (Donna Hunter's Daughter, Erma Shannon Hunters grand-daughter)

Rose Pruter - October 19, 2012 at 09:26 AM

PR

“ Dear Rachel,
I am so saddened about Maxine. I was her little handy gal, Peggy. She was always so concerned about me working too hard to clean up the rock wall. I ave so many memories about her wonderful smile and the "Doctor" plant under the deck. She was quite the Maxine. I have driven by and seen her grandson's car so did not think anything. I will truly miss her friendship.

Peggy Rick - October 18, 2012 at 03:33 PM

LJ

“ I am so sorry to hear that Max passed away. I always enjoyed talking to her ever since I knew her when she worked at the school. I haven't seen her much in recent years but always thought of her when I was in the lakes region. I have many pleasant memories. May she rest in peace.

Lori (Wilson) Johnson - October 18, 2012 at 10:46 AM

CE

“ I came to know Maxine when she was a resident of Wel-Life Assisted Living in Spirit Lake, IA. She was a very fun loving lady who always made me smile. She always told me just like it was. My sympathy goes out to the family of Maxine.

Charlene Erickson-Smythe - October 18, 2012 at 09:34 AM

PM

“ i have know max since i was a little girl growing up in newell iowa. she never changed a bit. always had a smile & great outlook even when she went through the hardest things a mom & wife can imagine. will miss seeing her smiling face in spirit lake.

pat (wellington) messerole - October 18, 2012 at 09:03 AM

AK

“ Maxine was such a sweet lady who loved flowers and plants. We always enjoyed her visits to Hy-Vee's Floral shop. She had such a positive attitude and I will miss her smiling face at the store. It was a pleasure getting to know her. Amber Kollasch

Amber Kollasch - October 17, 2012 at 09:12 PM

PS

“ Rachel and family, We are sorry to hear of the loss of your mother.
You have our sympathy.

Paul & Ina Rae Shannon - October 17, 2012 at 05:45 PM

JC

“ Sorry to read about Max, I worked at the deli in HyVee some years ago and liked to visit with her and Don when they would come in.
My thats and prayers are with you.

Jim Zweifel Loveland CO - October 17, 2012 at 04:50 PM