



Allette "Lottie" Olson

March 14, 1921 - August 13, 2014

Allette "Lottie" Olson, age 93, of Mahanomen, MN, died Wednesday, August 13, 2014, at the Mahanomen Health Center Nursing Home in Mahanomen. Allette Alvina Bjerken, the daughter of Alfred and Annie (Reierson) Bjerken, was born on March 14, 1921 near Mahanomen. She was raised in Mahanomen attended Mahanomen High School. Following her high school graduation, Lottie worked for a time with the Boy Scouts Organization in Fargo. She then studied at Fargo Business College and worked several years as a secretary. Lottie was employed at the "Knot" company in Minneapolis, MN for a time and during WWII she worked in the shipyards at Bremerton, WA. On April 19, 1949 Lottie was united in marriage to Elmer Olson and together they operated the Olson Family Farm. While helping on the farm and raising her children, Lottie also had a career as a bookkeeper for the Mahanomen Hospital from 1959 until her retirement in 1988. After Elmer's death in 1992, Lottie remained on the farm until moving into the Welle apartments, in Mahanomen, in 1996. She has made her home at the Mahanomen Health Center Nursing Home since 2009.

Lottie was a giving and selfless person. She was ahead of her time as a career woman but was also a true homemaker. She had a huge vegetable garden, canning and freezing her produce each year. Lottie was also known for her homemade breads, lefse, and wonderful meals. She never wasted and gave readily to others. Her family and her faith were cornerstones of her life. Lottie was a lifetime member of First Lutheran Church in Mahanomen. Over the

years, she loyally served as a Sunday school and religious release time teacher, secretary of the Women group, and was involved in various circles and committees. While her children were growing, Lottie was a Club Scout leader and a 4-H leader. Lottie was active with the Headwaters Regional Development Commission, Council on Aging, and Secretary of the Rainbow Farmers Union. She was also a volunteer at the Mahnomen Historical Society for several years. Lottie enjoyed reading, doing word searches, and playing scrabble. She was ever ready for great conversation and a good game of cards with family and friends.

Lottie is survived by two daughters, Lynnette (Kenneth) Klos of Cook, MN and Ann Genzler of Seattle, WA; two sons, John (Marie) of Mahnomen and David (Diana) of Lindstrom, MN; ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by parents, Alfred and Anna; her husband, Elmer; one sister, Verna Boen; and a granddaughter, Abagayle.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, August 16th, 2014, at 12 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in Mahnomen. A visitation was held on Friday, August 15th, from 5-7 p.m., with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m., all at First Lutheran Church. Interment was at First Lutheran Cemetery, Mahnomen.

Tribute Wall

LH

“ I just learned of the passing of Lottie, I am so sorry for your loss. I have and always will cherish the time I spent working with Lottie, she was a very special lady and I have many fond memories of her. She always had a kind word or great story to tell, a lot of laughs were had over coffee.

Lois Hoppe - September 01, 2014 at 05:35 PM

JD

“ Lottie always had a twinkle in her eyes & a smile to share with me. It was wonderful to know her. God's peace & comfort to you all.

Julie & Perry Doerfler - August 21, 2014 at 09:38 AM

SJ

“ I will miss Lottie and her good sense of humor, as well as her stories. I enjoyed working with her as well as taking care of her. She will be missed at the nursing home by many.

Sue Jokumsen - August 16, 2014 at 09:37 PM

DK

“ Doug and I and our family want to express our deepest sympathies in the loss of your Mom. Being neighbors for so many years there are memories too numerous to mention. My Mom and your Mom are more than likely visiting over a cup of coffee making plans to make lefse !! God bless her memory!

Doug & Joanie Kramer - August 16, 2014 at 01:42 PM

MB

“ Lottie was(Evelyn Bauman) my mother's best and dearest friend. We always considered Lottie a member of our family. She was truly a beautiful person!

Michael Bauman - August 15, 2014 at 10:40 PM

KK

“ John, I am very sorry for your loss. You were very lucky, to have a parent, on this earth, as long as you did.

Kerri Kremple - August 14, 2014 at 08:10 PM

JH

“ Visits to the nursing home to visit with Mom just won't be the same....Mom and Lottie were the best of buddies! When sharing photo's with Mom, I'd share them with Lottie as well! Many hands of high wist were played, I could never convenience the ladies to play high/low wist! Lottie always had a story to share with great detail! She will be missed! Jeanine Pederson Houska, daughter of Marion Pederson

Jeanine Houska - August 14, 2014 at 06:57 PM

DH

“ I WELL ALWAYS CHERISH OUR ALONE TIME WHEN I WAS A TEENAGER. I WISH WE COULD OF HAD MORE ALONE TIMES. I MISS YOU & ELMER. UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN. DARLENE & FAMILY

Darlene Hansen - August 14, 2014 at 01:37 PM

BH

“ We are so sorry for your loss,, lotti will be missed deeply. I have so many memories of her on the farm. Wish I could have seen her more!!! Take care and god bless the family! Bill & Sherry Hansen

Bill Hansen - August 14, 2014 at 12:56 PM

KA

“ Our family is praying for you all as you say good bye! God give you strength and may you be at peace. Don't be afraid to cry or laugh as you share stories and memories! Hugs to you Marie and John and kids!

Kelly Ahola - August 14, 2014 at 09:14 AM

JS

“ Ann, Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time.

Joan Safar - August 13, 2014 at 08:33 PM

AB

“ Our sympathies on the loss of your dear mother, our aunt Lottie! She was a beautiful, caring woman. (and she made great pickles) Always enjoyed visiting with her... Anita and Kevin

Anita Kevin Boen - August 13, 2014 at 06:03 PM

DB

“ So sorry to hear of Lottie's passing. My mother, Evelyn Urevig Bauman, was her childhood best friend. Lottie was one of a kind! May she rest in peace.

Deborah Bauman - August 13, 2014 at 04:32 PM