



Clarine Iola Steffensen

September 27, 1921 - June 26, 2022

Clarine (Aamodt) Steffensen, age 100, left her earthly home and joined God's other angels on June 26, 2022.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at Salem Lutheran Church, 401 S. Lake St. in Lake Mills, Iowa, with Pastor Joel Guttormson and Pastor Melinda McCluskey officiating.

Burial will be in Salem Memorial Cemetery, rural Lake Mills.

Visitation for Clarine Steffensen will be Sunday, July 3, 2022 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at Schott Funeral Homes-Mittelstadt Chapel, 902 E. Main St. in Lake Mills. Visitation will also be from 9:30-10:30 AM at the church on Tuesday.

Clarine was born on September 27, 1921, to Carl Oscar and Clara (Peterson) Aamodt at their family farm near Joice, Iowa. She was a life-long member of Salem Lutheran Church in Lake Mills where she was baptized, but was confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church in Joice because it was more convenient than driving to Lake Mills where they were members.

Clarine attended the rural Clark school and graduated from Joice High School in 1939. As a teenager she taught Sunday School, sang in church and school choirs, and was a member of the Girls' Recreation Association and the Lutheran Daughters of the Reformation. This group of teen and unmarried young women gathered to study the Bible, do handcrafts, and raise money for missions.

On January 28, 1943, Clarine was united in marriage to DeVere Steffensen. Due to WWII and rationing, they were married at the home of her parents and honored with a homemade angel food cake. Following their marriage they lived in Albert Lea for a year, where she worked at Woolworth's. One of her duties, due to war shortages, was to decorate cookies to be sold in place of Easter candy.

The Steffensens began farming with horses west of Lake Mills in 1944, and soon would purchase a tractor. Clarine worked hard gardening, cooking, making meals for her family and hired help, and driving the tractor, milking cows, and tending livestock as needed, all while raising six children. They retired and moved to Lake Mills in 1997, enjoying time with frequent family gatherings.

Outside her home, Clarine was active at Salem Lutheran where she was a Sunday School teacher, Altar Guild member, charter member of Sarah Circle, Ladies Aid officer, and quilter. Clarine was selected as an Iowa Merit Mother of the Year by the Iowa Mothers Association. She was a 4-H leader and supported her children in their activities.

Left behind to cherish Clarine's memory are daughters Lou Ann (Richard) Mikes of Indian Trail,

North Carolina, Patricia Nelson of Northwood, Julie (Leigh) Foster of Boone and Rebecca (Larry) Hill of Thompson and daughter-in-law Karen Steffensen of Goshen, Indiana. Others who will dearly miss her steadfast and faithful presence are 14 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, sisters-in-law and brother-in-law, and a multitude of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Clarine has joyfully joined her husband DeVere Steffensen in heaven, as well as daughter Nancy Monson, son DeRay Steffensen, and an infant son; sons-in-law Curtis Nelson and David Monson; grandson Michael Nelson; granddaughter Sally Steffensen; her parents; brothers Orian, Carroll, and Donald Aamodt; sister Virgean Hogan; and other beloved family members.

Clarine was a loving mother and grandmother, quick to help and slow to criticize. She read the Bible and prayed nightly for her family. She once wrote, "I pray that I will have many years to continue to touch the lives of my children and others around me with love and understanding." God granted her prayer.

Cemetery



**SALEM MEMORIAL
CEMETERY**

HWY 69 North, Lake
Mills, IA 50450

Events



VISITATION

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Mittelstadt Funeral
Home 902 East Main
Street, Lake Mills, IA
50450



VISITATION

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Salem Lutheran Church
401 South Lake Street,
Lake Mills, IA 50450



FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 AM

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