

Clarine M. Moe

August 30, 1923 - October 28, 2021

Clarine Marjorie (McKee) Moe, 98, died on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at the Lake Mills Care Center in Lake Mills, Iowa.

Clarine was born August 30th, 1923, at home on the acreage that is now the Hartman place next to the city airport in Lake Mills. She was the daughter of Cora Eddina (Brua) McKee and Melvin McKee. Her parents later purchased the farm and acreage that sits on the north side of Rice Lake.

Clarine was baptized, confirmed and married at Salem Lutheran Church, and she was a member there her entire life. She attended school in Lake Mills, graduating in 1941, and she attended Waldorf College graduating from teacher training in May, 1943.

Clarine's first year of teaching, the 1943-44 school year, was a mixed class of 3rd and 4th grades in Slater, Iowa. She then came home and taught a very large 4th grade class, 42 students, in Lake Mills in 1944-45. Challenged by such a large class, she would pray each morning before going to work "Dear God, please help me get through this day."

In 1946, she married her high school sweetheart, Walter (Duke) Moe. During their first year of marriage, they lived in Minneapolis where she taught at Groveland Elementary School. She missed her hometown and family in Lake Mills, and she and Duke would travel back there almost every weekend. She was invited to again teach in Lake Mills, and they were delighted to move back. A teacher for 42 years, she alternated between grades 1-4, going where she was most needed.

In 1949, Clarine's husband Duke went to Elgin, Illinois, to the Elgin Watch College. They bought Weed's Jewelry in Lake Mills and operated it as Moe's Jewelry for twelve years.

Clarine and Duke enjoyed almost 64 years of marriage. They were blessed with one daughter, Pamela Christine Moe whom they adopted in May of 1958.

Family vacations were a highlight each summer. Often, Clarine's parents went along on the car trips out west. In addition to several fun resort vacations 'Up North', the all-time favorite family vacation was a three-week trip to Europe traveling by train to eight different countries, starting and ending in Norway.

Clarine retired from teaching in Lake Mills in 1987. After her retirement, she and Duke wintered for thirteen years in McAllen, Texas.

Clarine loved to play bridge. She played weekly with a group of dear friends beginning in the 1940's. Later on, she was pleased to be playing the game with many of her former students who became dear friends. She enjoyed gardening and kept several lovely flower beds around the house and in her backyard. She also delighted in mowing the lawn and tending to the bushes around the yard.

Later in life, she was happy to be reading books and doing her 'steps' to stay healthy. Her 'steps' consisted of going up and down the stairway from the kitchen to the basement and back, doing 15 laps each day.

Clarine was a very social person. She enjoyed having coffees and visiting with friends. She also relished gathering with close groups of friends in the evenings — either at each other's homes, or up at The Stables. She was a loving wife, mother, daughter, aunt, cousin and friend. She will be greatly missed.

Clarine is survived by her daughter Pam (Chuck Merritt); nephew Lon (Cindy) McKee; niece Peg McKee (Dean Adams); great-nephew Bart (Sarah) McKee, their daughter Maggie and son Mac; great-niece Kelly (Scott) Parrish, son Bryson and twin daughters Isabel and Ashley; and numerous cousins along with other family and friends.

Clarine was preceded in death by her husband, Duke; her brothers Lewine (Mac) McKee and Wayne McKee; her parents Cora and Melvin McKee; her grandparents Edward and Christine Brua; parents-in-law Manuel and Minnie Sandberg, and Dorothy Sandberg (Ray) Wilson; and sister-in-law Audy Winden.

Funeral services for Clarine will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at Salem Lutheran Church with Pastor Joel Guttormson and Mr. Kermit Singelstad officiating. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the church. There will be a light lunch to follow. Burial at the Salem Memorial Cemetery will take place at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Salem Lutheran Church, 401 S. Lake Street, Lake Mills, IA 50450.

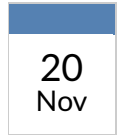
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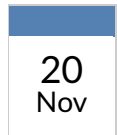
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Events



VISITATION
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Salem Lutheran Church
401 South Lake Street,
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MEMORIAL SERVICE
11:00 AM

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Tribute Wall



A Memorial Tree was planted for Clarine M. Moe

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Mittelstadt Funeral Home
