



Adeline Orpha (Matson) Gwin

January 5, 2018

Adeline Orpha Gwin (Matson) 89, passed away at her home, Select Senior Assisted Living, Coon Rapids, Mn. She was born March 5, 1928 to John and Gida Matson near Ulen, Mn. At the age of 17, Adeline married the love of her life, Joseph Raymond Gwin (age 18). She was his faithful wife and companion for 72 years. Adeline gracefully battled Alzheimer's her last years with Joe who took amazing care of her.

In life, Adeline served as a homemaker, caring for her husband as well as raising their 6 children that she loved dearly. Much of their lives, they pastored churches in West Fargo, Fargo, and Bismarck, N.D., Rockford, Ill. and Anoka, Mn. Adeline taught children's church and Bible School. They loved music and sang duets while Adeline played the accordion and Joe played the guitar. She was a quiet, gentle lady with a song, nursery rhyme or jingle for every occasion.

She modeled contentment and happiness and made their home welcoming to

everyone. They often had “company” and overnight guests who enjoyed her good home cooking. She became famous for her rhubarb and apple pies.

Whatever Adeline did, she did with excellence. She sewed much of the family’s clothes when the children were young, and did crafts, baked wedding cakes and sewed draperies; a real do-it-yourself lady.

Waiting to welcome Adeline to Heaven were her daughter, Sharon, Mother and Father, 6 siblings, and many loved ones. Surviving Adeline are her husband, Joseph, 5 children: Sandra Stone-Schaaf (Jerry), Claudia Doroshuk (Walter), Richard (Viv), Randal (Ronae) and Rachelle Lewis, sister, Loretta Braseth, 12 grandchildren, great grandchildren and many extended family members.

Adeline will be greatly missed. She was a gentle soul who led by example and taught her family to love the Lord Jesus Christ as she did. She had a pure servant’s heart with total devotion to her Lord, husband and family.

There will be a private graveside service at Fort Snelling for the immediate

family at a later date.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 13, at 11:00 AM at First Baptist Church of Anoka, 1235 Park Ave., Anoka, Mn. Visitation at 10.

Tribute Wall

MH

“ I remember as a very young girl sitting with her at one of our church conventions in Bismarck, an having a very long intent conversation, She seemed to be more open on a One to One conversation. Very SWEET lady, You are so Blessed to have had a WONDERFUL mother like her, and KNOWING she is now with JESUS, Marles (Boeckel) Hess

Marles Hess - January 20, 2018 at 10:32 AM

CD

“ My Mom, Adeline O. Gwin, was the most gentle of souls. She loved to tease and joke, but she also loved to sew, craft, sing and play the accordion, host gatherings, visit, and create games for us 6 kids to play. She joined in, of course! Mom had a song, rhyme or jingle she knew for most occasions. She was the wife of a church pastor for many years; thus, the required need to often host and entertain. She loved to bake. I loved her coconut cream and famous rhubarb pies. I also loved her homemade soup with tasty fresh homemade bread and buns. Mom could bake up a storm for any Church bazaar. My favorite cookies were her oatmeal, molasses or her pinwheel choc cookies. Her home was welcoming and clean. She loved gardening and created lovely flower gardens for all to enjoy. Though she was only 9 yrs old when her Mom died, and her father never remarried, she learned the essentials to raise 6 children. Birthdays were never forgotten...I got a card in the mail every year until Alzheimer's took away her ability to do so. The year she stopped, I truly missed getting those cards. She loved and enjoyed her children, many grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is greatly missed.

Claudia Doroshuk - January 19, 2018 at 02:47 AM

DR

What a precious tribute to your loving mother. You were certainly blessed with the best.

Darlene Hilde Rolle - January 22, 2018 at 12:38 AM