



Emma Gladys Anderson

October 27, 1930 - May 8, 2023

Emma Gladys Ostman Anderson

Born October 27, 1930. Died May 8, 2023.

Emma was the 6th of nine children born to Hans Levi and Mamie Lillian (Hanson) Ostman. Emma grew up on the family farm in Bennett, Wisconsin and graduated from Superior Central High School in 1948 while living with and working for host families in town. In 1950, Emma's friends took her out to celebrate her birthday and she met her future husband, Iver Anderson. They were married December 27, 1952 while Iver was on leave from the Air Force. They began their married life near the Biloxi Air Base where Iver was stationed. After being discharged, the couple moved back to Wisconsin and started their family while Iver attended Milwaukee School of Engineering. A position with Honeywell brought them to the Twin Cities area and they bought their "five-year-plan" house in Blaine (meaning they were only going to stay there 5 years until they could afford something bigger). But plans change. Emma and Iver raised their 5 kids and lived in that house for 55 years.

Emma was fearless, up for anything fun, but she was also very practical and down to earth. She could stretch a dollar around the block and still squeeze out a few cents at the end. At the cabin, Emma could pitch horseshoes, give and take good-natured ribbing and cook dinner for family and friends all at the

same time, and she was always the last one at the campfire.

Need some good advice? A babysitter? A good laugh? Emma was the one to call because she was willing to do anything for her loved ones. Five gallons of potato salad? Yep, she could do that, smiling all the while. Grandkids were treated like royalty, and usually served cinnamon toast with peanut butter (or whatever their little hearts desired) upon every visit. Emma made any gathering feel festive with her love and laughter.

Dementia is a horrible affliction. The disease is progressive and relentless, and it took Emma away by nibbles and bites over the past 20 years. Through it all, Emma never wavered in her expressions of love for her family. Her happy demeanor remained constant and true. She could always find the bright side and bring you there with her.

Preceded in death by her husband, Iver, in 2016. Emma is mourned by her five children: Patrick (Becky), James, Kathleen Behrenbrinker, Brian (Wendy), Sharon (Kevin) Burns and her seven grandchildren: Joel, Kelly and Laina Behrenbrinker, Hannah, Bethany and Dianna Anderson and Shelby Burns, and one great-grandson, Syllas Haseman.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Chapel Service

MAY 16. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Emma Gladys Anderson.*



May 14, 2023 at 06:46 PM



“ *Although we only met her once at a graduation party, it was obvious how much she loved her kids and doted on the grandkids. Sending love and hugs to all those she loved. Bill & Rita Fordham*

Rita Fordham - May 12, 2023 at 05:09 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Emma Gladys Anderson.*



May 12, 2023 at 05:03 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Emma Gladys Anderson.*



May 12, 2023 at 03:14 PM

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“ Pat, Becky & families, We are so sorry to hear of Emma's passing. Lots of great family get togethers at the cabin. Such a dear sweet lady. RIP Emma, fly high with Iver now & have a beer together. Love you 💕



Nancy & Jeremy Smith - May 12, 2023 at 11:54 AM