



Phyllis Darlene Almquist

September 15, 1931 - September 2, 2010

Phyllis Darlene (Wram) Almquist was born on September 15, 1931 in Stanton, Iowa to Adolph and Ellen (Lindquist) Wram, the youngest of 8 children. She grew up in Stanton where she attended grade school and graduated from Stanton High School in 1949. Phyllis participated in Iowa girls basketball, cheerleading, drama and speech, completing at a state level. During her school days she began her life long love of music and singing. She sang in various choirs and small groups at school and around the town of Stanton. Phyllis married Howard Almquist on February 25, 1951 at Mamreland Lutheran Church in Stanton, Iowa and to this union four children were born: Deb, Annette, Mike and Ken. Phyllis and Howard lived on several farms in Southwest Iowa before moving to Bennington in 1957.

Phyllis worked with Howard on the farm and as a bookkeeper for Almquist Feed Grinding Service before starting up the lunch program for Bennington Public Schools. She saw many changes in the cafeteria before retiring after 13 years. She was active in many organizations including St. John's Lutheran Church, Lutheran Club, Social Ministry, Womens Club, American Legion Auxiliary (served as Douglas County President twice), 40 & 8 . Phyllis continued her love of music and sang in the church Choir and for many weddings and funerals. She enjoyed cooking, canning, traveling in their RV, doing crossword puzzles and watching for her cardinals out the back door of thier home. Holidays and especially Christmas were important for Phyllis, preparing Swedish rye bread, Ostkaka, Potatis Korv and of course Lutefisk.

Her home was always a gathering place for family and friends from near and far. Last December Howard and Phyllis moved from thier home on the farm to the Ridgewood Senior Living Center.

Phyllis passed away on Thursday, September 2, 2010 at Methodist Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 78 years, 11 months and 18 days. She was preceded in death by her parents Adolph and Ellen, husband Howard and 7 brothers and sisters. Phyllis is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law Ken and Michele of Manhattan, KS and Mike and Debbie of Bennington; daughters and sons-in-law Annette and Merlin Kay of Kennard, NE and Deb and Victor Sass of Omaha; 12 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren; sisters-in-law Pat Wram of Creighton, MO and Ruth Wram of Ankeny, IA;

Almquist, Phyllis age 78 of Bennington, NE

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Bennington, NE 402-238-2291

Tribute Wall



“ *Phyllis Darlene Almquist*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Dear Debbie, Annette, Mike, Kenny and families,
I wish so much I could be with you. I hope you know that you were all in our thoughts and prayers of all of us. I've got so many memories of both your parents, they always had a smile lurking. They have added joy hand happiness to our lives. I especially remember when my mom came over to visit, and Phyllis and her sat and talked all night. My mom thought she was such a fun lady, with a great sense of humor. Towards me they were an extra set of grandparents, wishing me welcome right from the start. I've always felt welcome to their home and I am grateful that I was able to get to know them. I appreciate all the times we had together during my exchange. I want you to know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers even though we can't be there in person.*

*Love always,
FLTL
Helle and Kristin*

Helle Leite Torjussen - September 10, 2010 at 06:14 PM

JM

“ Dear Debbie, Annette, Mike, Kenny and families,
I wish so much I could be with you today. I couldn't get my work schedule changed. I hope you know that you are in the thoughts and prayers of all of us today. I have many happy memories of both your parents, but the one thing that keeps coming back to me is their readiness to laugh and enjoy life. They added joy to many lives because of that. One of the things that most impressed me about Phyllis was her ability to welcome everyone to her house no matter how many and then could proceed to feed all of them. I think about that when I have people coming and am worried about having enough food. She was a master and I've never been able to meet her standards. I cherish the memories of all the times we had together when we were growing up and how much they shared the importance of family. I want you to know that all of our family is with you in spirit today even though we can't be with you in person. Love, prayers, and appreciation for having Phyllis in our lives.
Judi and all the rest of the family

Judi Malloy - September 07, 2010 at 10:58 AM

JB

“ Please accept my sincere condolences. May you find comfort in knowing that one day we will reunite with our love ones. John 5:28,29 "Do not marvel at this because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out....." This is a promise from God. May this console you, during these trouble times.

J. Brown - September 04, 2010 at 08:52 AM