



Grace E. O'Dell

February 25, 1926 - May 12, 2016

Services for Grace O'Dell will be Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the Pierschbacher Funeral Home in Chariton. Interment will be at the Goshen Cemetery. Family will receive friends on Monday from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to Grace's family and will be designated at a later date.

Grace Evelyn Moss was born February 25, 1926 in Medora, Montana to Jacob and Anna DeKoning Moss. She was the 6th of 8 children. Her siblings were Doreen Moss Levin, Freeda Moss Hires, Harvey Moss, Gladys Moss Hanson, Ethel Moss Ehresman, Eva Mae Moss Junkert, and Annabelle Moss.

Grace was raised in Montana and graduated from Manhattan High School in 1945. She was the head teller at the bank in Belgrade, Montana for several years. On January 17, 1968 she was married to Fred O'Dell. She moved to Chariton, Iowa where she was welcomed by not only Fred, but by three girls that she raised as her own. She loved raising her family. She was very creative and full of ideas. She dreamed up extravagant castles, valentines' boxes, and even haunted houses, and after enlisting Fred for his talents her visions became realities for the girls. After the girls were grown she worked at the school as the lunch lady. She loved being around children.

Her grandchildren will remember her kind words, soft embraces, and firm discipline as she taught them the lessons of life and how to be a person with good character. Grace taught manners and respect by example. She also knew which treat each grandchild liked and made sure there was plenty to go around. Grace's crème puffs and fudge were definitely special, also made with help from Fred.

There were family vacations for over 40 years, usually traveling back to Montana. She loved life in Iowa with Fred and her family, but she did miss the mountains and her friends in Montana.

In describing Grace her family uses words such as: wonderful, loving, dignified, proper, precise, kind, creative, striking, and most of all full of grace. She was a very Christian woman and showed this by being the first to help others in need, to donate food or time, to teach others manners, respect, and faith. Grace had a beautiful voice and loved to sing at church.

Grace passed away with grace, surrounded by her family at her home on May 12, 2016. Grace is survived by her loving husband, Fred; her daughters: Avis & Steve Goben, Audrey & Pat Berrigan, and Ann & Donnie Hamilton; 7 grandchildren: James & Darlene Goben, Mark & Brooke Budzinski Grossinger, Tim & Ginger Goben, Brett Budzinski, Kyle & Mandy Hamilton, Nick & Janelle Hamilton, and Haley & Steve Kline; 17 great grandchildren: Josh, Aaron, Daniel, and Benjamin Goben; Malika Grace and Ashton Grossinger; Steven and Gavin Goben; Kooper, Maddie, and Kolin Hamilton; Brodie, Zach, Tate, and Hadley Hamilton; Tegan and Tucker Kline. Also surviving are sisters: Gladys Hanson and Eva Mae Junkert; several sisters and brothers-in-law; nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Cemetery

Goshen Cemetery

Derby, IA, 50151

Events

MAY **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Pierschbacher Funeral Homes - Chariton
914 Roland Ave, Chariton, IA, US, 50049

MAY **Service** 10:30AM

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Comments



“ I'm praying that God's peace and comfort will surround you all during this time. Grace, along with Fred, were very important people from my childhood. Grace would babysit us three kids when Mom was substitute teaching - I have such fond memories of playing in her home, climbing in the magnolia tree out front, playing in the back yard and enjoying frozen Twinkies and Ho-Ho's. We would often ride our bikes to their house in the summer, and I remember walking to her house after school many times. At church, we would sit in the pew in front of Fred and Grace - they'd keep an eye on us while Mom and Dad sang in the choir - making sure we were behaving. I remember one of her favorite hymns was "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" - a beautiful hymn of when we're called to heaven - it ended with "I'll be there" - She is in heaven where she longed to be, singing praises to our God, and King.

Kristen Sydness - May 18, 2016 at 09:06 AM



“ Her name fit her perfectly. Such a beautiful lady.

Karen Fitzgerald - May 14, 2016 at 07:44 AM



“ So sorry to all of Grace's family, she was such a sweet lady, and always friendly to all of Avis's friends, she will indeed be missed. I understand her hubby has been taking care of her for a while, blessings to him, too. We were always welcome to their home, it was nice being there, for slumber parties! Many great memories. Thinking of all of you at this time, Carolyn Hoxton

Carolyn Hoxton - May 13, 2016 at 10:28 PM



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Karen Fitzgerald - May 14, 2016 at 07:44 AM



“ When I think of Grace, I remember that when she and Fred were married she immediately gained three growing daughters who gained an instant mother because they had recently lost their birth mother (Virginia). I then think of the years that Grace suffered through at the end of her earthly life, the dedication of Fred as he cared and loved her to the very end for purposes which really only God, their Lord and Savior knows. I also think of all the love and care that their daughters (Avis, Audrey, and Ann) have administered all of these years and especially during the tough years at the end of Grace's earthly life. As a son, husband, and father I hope and pray that I can learn a Godly lesson from the lives of Grace and Fred Odell.

Larry Chase - May 13, 2016 at 08:27 PM



“ We didn't know her very well but she was special person to our daughter in law and we love her. We are so sorry Haley and her family. love you Gene and Helen

Helen Kline - May 13, 2016 at 06:50 PM



“ Ann, I'll be praying for your family. Your mom was a very kind woman to me. Blessings.

Robin McElvain - May 13, 2016 at 07:11 PM



“ Ann, sending prayers of peace and comfort to you and your family, so sorry for your loss

Julie Kordick - May 15, 2016 at 12:39 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers have been with the family. I remember some times with Avis at her home - and the baby shower held there when my son was waiting to be born. She was so kind and sweet to me.

Susie Goodrich Martin

Susie - May 23, 2016 at 12:37 PM