

Opal Buse, age 97, of Albert City, Iowa and formerly of Marathon, Iowa died December 19, 2009 at Pleasant View Nursing Home in Albert City.

Opal Lorretta Cooklin, the daughter of Rudolph and Mae Cooklin, was born in Graettinger, Iowa on May 25, 1912. She began her education in Laurens, Iowa and later moved with her family to Marathon where she completed her schooling and graduated from Marathon High School in 1930.

Opal was united in marriage to Roy Buse on May 10, 1931, and this couple was blessed with one daughter, Phyllis. Following their marriage, Roy and Opal farmed for four years near Albert City, and then farmed for four years near Laurens. They then moved to a farm near Marathon where they were engaged in farming from 1940 to 1975. They retired and moved to Albert City in 1986 and Roy died on December 14, 1987. Opal had been a member of the Marathon United Methodist Church since the age of 12 and also belonged to the United Methodist Women there. Since April 9, 2004, Opal has been a resident of the Pleasant View Home in Albert City.

Those who cherish her memory include her daughter, Phyllis Box of Story City, Iowa; 4 grandsons: Tom (Kathy) Box, Terry (Cheri) Box, Tony (Chris) Box, and Tim (Kari) Box; 10 great grandchildren: Heidi Box, Michele Box, Jason Box, Justin Box, Tyler Box, Katie Walquist, Tara Box, Sydney Box, Brandon Box, and Naomi Box; 1 great great grandchild, Deshon Buchanon; her niece, Joanne Michelson; other extended family and friends.

Opal was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Roy; one sister, Florence Erickson; and one niece, Marlene Taylor.

Blessed be the memory of Opal L. Buse.

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May 25, 1912 — December 19, 2009

FUNERAL SERVICE

*Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.
United Methodist Church
Marathon, Iowa*

CLERGY

Reverend David Schumann

ORGANIST

Nita McLaughlin

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

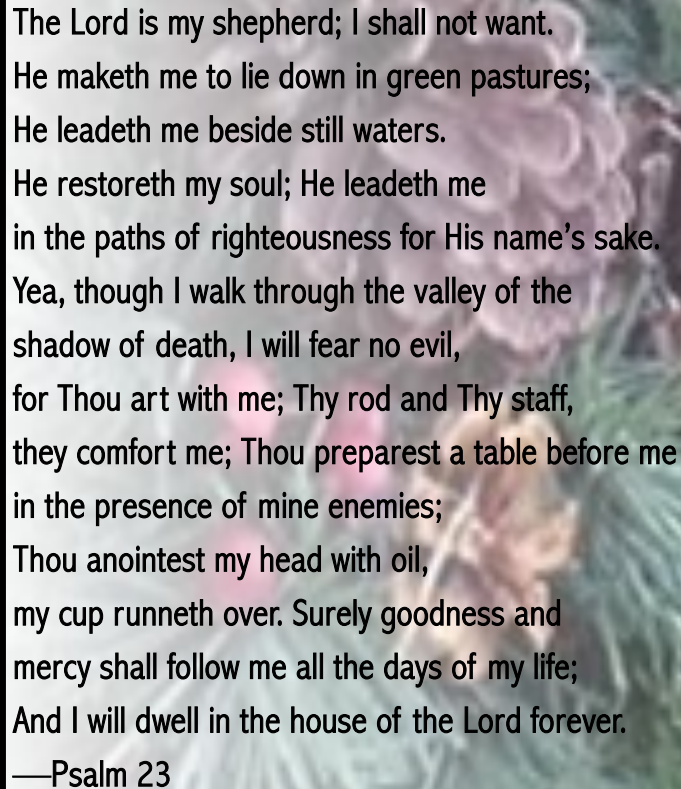
*"In The Garden"
"How Great Thou Art"*

CASKET BEARERS

*Tom Box, Tony Box
Tim Box, Rod Mayou*

INTERMENT

*Laurens Cemetery
Laurens, Iowa*



The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside still waters.
He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me
in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff,
they comfort me; Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and
mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
—Psalm 23

We wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. Please join us for refreshments and a time of fellowship at the church immediately following the service.



Opal's Family



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