

Verna Atkins Loving, age 86, of Albert City, Iowa and formerly of Pomeroy, Iowa died December 20, 2011 at the Spencer Hospital in Spencer, Iowa.

Verna Mabel Erickson, the daughter of Severius and Mabel (Johnson) Erickson, was born in Pomeroy on February 25, 1925. She lived her youth in rural Pomeroy and was a graduate of Pomeroy High School. Verna continued her education at the Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Verna taught at the Bellville Township Country School and later at the Pomeroy Community School.

On August 21, 1954, Verna was united in marriage to Marion Atkins at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Pomeroy. Together they were blessed with four children: Mavis, Janice, Joleen, and Barry. She was a devoted and loving wife and mother. Verna also enjoyed baking and cooking with her sister, Ruth, at Twin Lakes Bible Camp for many years. Following Marion's death in 1980, Verna returned to education and served in the library at the Pomeroy Community School for 13 years. In 1999, she came to make her home in Albert City. Verna was united in marriage to Elwood Loving on November 29, 2003 at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Albert City.

Verna was a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Pomeroy and a member of Covenant Women. She had also belonged to the S.A.K. Study Club and the Amvets Auxiliary in Pomeroy, and the "Just A Club" in Albert City. In recent years, she enjoyed serving as a volunteer at the hospital in Storm Lake. Verna has a sincere love for music which blossomed when she sang with a gospel quartet. She was also blessed with the gift of being able to play the piano by ear. Verna's love of music has continued to be passed along to her children and grandchildren.

Verna's life will always be cherished and celebrated by her family which include her husband, Elwood of Albert City, Iowa; children: Mavis (Robert) Loving of Albert City, Iowa; Jan (Jim) Quarnstrom of Ames, Iowa; Joleen (Robert) Johnson of Albert City, Iowa; and Barry (Katie) Atkins of Lombard, Illinois; grandchildren: Kelly (Andy) Wilson; Bailey and Jamie Quarnstrom; Kari, Karmen, and Laurie Loving; Zoe and Liam Atkins; and Luke Johnson; one great grandson, Rory Wilson; sister, Ruth Lantz of Pomeroy, Iowa; three brothers: Merlin (Nadine) Erickson and Rubert (Doris) Erickson of Pomeroy; and Eldon (Zoanne) Erickson of Ames, Iowa; nieces and nephews: Rachael Poling; Renee Olson; Eric Lantz; Marjean Seehusen; Scott Erickson; Lisa Aljets; Dean Erickson; Brad Erickson; and their families along with other extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Marion, on September 22, 1980; twin brother, Vernon Erickson; brother-in-law, Harold Lantz; and a nephew, Bruce Lantz.

May the Lord bless the memory of Verna Mabel Atkins Loving.

In Loving Memory



Verna Atkins Loving

1925 — 2011

IN MEMORY OF Verna Atkins Loving

February 25, 1925 — December 20, 2011

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, December 23, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.
Evangelical Covenant Church — Pomeroy, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend Gavin Ellis

ORGANIST

ReNay Hanson

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

“Blessed Assurance”

“Why Should I Be Anxious”

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

SOLOIST

Connie Samuelson

“Because He Lives”

CASKET BEARERS

Kelly Wilson, Bailey Quarnstrom, Jamie Quarnstrom
Kari Loving, Karmen Loving, Laurie Loving
Zoe Atkins, Liam Atkins, Luke Johnson

INTERMENT

Evangelical Covenant Cemetery
Pomeroy, Iowa



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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 sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at the church immediately following the burial.

— The Family of Verna Atkins Loving