

Frances A. Olney, age 76, of Marathon, Iowa, died on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at the Spencer Municipal Hospital at Spencer, Iowa.

Frances A. Evans, the daughter of Francis Rice and Della (Larkins) Evans, was born in Beatrice, Nebraska, on May 27, 1934. At the age of 2, Fran moved with her family to a farm in the Des Moines and Waukee, Iowa area. Fran began her education at the Pierce Country School and later graduated from Waukee High School. She continued her education at Drake University in Des Moines where she received her teaching certificate. Fran taught school at Jamaica, Iowa and in West Des Moines, Iowa.

On December 23, 1956 Fran was united in marriage to Norris Olney, Jr, at the Methodist Church in West Des Moines. This couple was blessed with six children: Joan, Lesle, William, Richard, Michael, and Jayne. Following their marriage, they resided in West Des Moines while Norris attended Drake University and graduated with his law degree. Following Norris' graduation, they moved to Marathon, Iowa where Norris was employed at the bank. Fran, too, worked at the bank for a brief period of time.

Fran was a loving and devoted mother and homemaker. She enjoyed making a home for her family, and supporting and encouraging her children. Fran was very proud of the fact that during her lifetime she hosted 10 foreign exchange students from around the world in their home.

Fran was an active member of the Marathon United Methodist Church and coordinated the prayer chain notifications for the church members. She also assisted with the collection of the Sunday offerings. Fran was a long time member of the Rebekah Lodge. Her grandchildren were the love of her life and she cherished the times she could spend with them.

Fran's life will always be loved and cherished by her family which include her husband: Norris, Jr. of Marathon, Iowa; her children: Joan Olney of Marathon, Iowa; Lesle Olney of Marathon, Iowa; Bill Olney of Marathon, Iowa; Richard (Angie) Olney of Armstrong, Iowa; and Jayne Berends of Spencer, Iowa; three grandchildren: Nathan Olney and Andrew and Dominic Berends; her brother, William J. Evans of West Des Moines, Iowa; other extended family and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Michael; and one brother, Orville D. Evans.

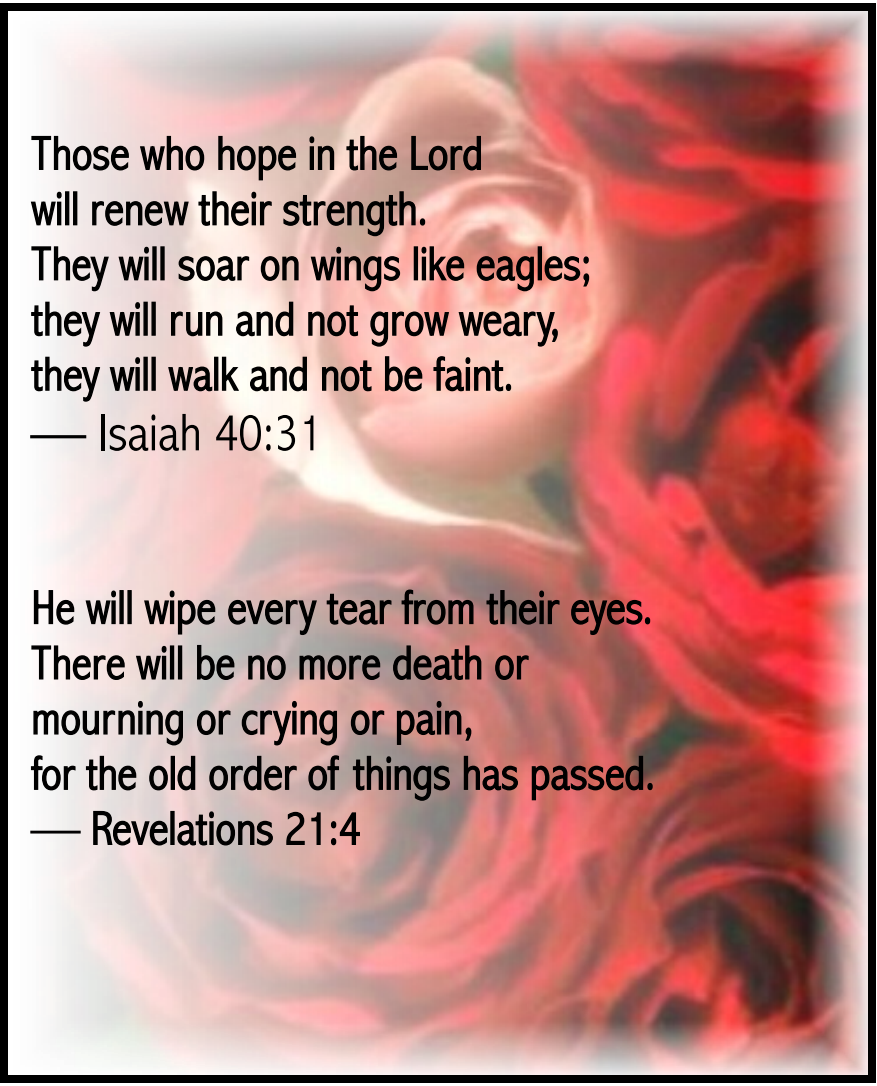
Blessed be the memory of Frances Ann Olney.

In Loving Memory



Frances A. Olney

1934—2011



Those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

— Isaiah 40:31

He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
There will be no more death or
mourning or crying or pain,
for the old order of things has passed.

— Revelations 21:4

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 Marathon United Methodist Church immediately following the burial.

— **The Family of Frances Olney**

IN MEMORY OF Frances A. Olney

May 27, 1934—March 9, 2011

FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, March 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Sliefert Funeral Home

Albert City, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend Jan Whiteman

SPECIAL MUSIC

“My House Is In Order”

CASKET BEARERS

**Ike Anderson, Kelly Snyder, Kyle Kearns
Phil Dukes, Reagan Lauderville, Shannon Roder**

INTERMENT

Poland Township Cemetery

Marathon, Iowa

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