



## Norma I. Brighton

April 14, 1928 - April 23, 2014

Norma Brighton, age 86, of Newell, Iowa, passed away Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at North Lake Manor in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Norma Irene Brighton was born April 14, 1928 in rural Newell, Iowa, the daughter of Martin and Nora (Evans) Johnsen. Norma graduated from Newell High School in 1947. Prior to her marriage, she worked in the dime store and the bank in Newell. Norma was married to Reverend George Brighton on April 20, 1958. To this union was born David, Marcia and Mark.

Norma was a stay-at-home mom attending all of her children's school activities and was very active in the Methodist Church, happily doing all the things expected of the minister's wife. Norma enjoyed spending vacations at the cottage at Lake Okoboji. She delighted in her grandchildren and all of their activities. She absolutely loved lunches with her cousins. She tirelessly took care of her aging parents and her husband during his long battle with Parkinson's Disease. She was a Minnesota Twins fan and loved watching baseball, basketball and football.

In her years as a minister's wife, Norma packed up the house and moved many times. Together, George and Norma served the following churches: Varina, Albert City, Thornton, Swaledale, South Marion (rural Stratford), Stanhope, Kamrar, Klemme, Liberty (rural Klemme), Lake View, Wall Lake, Graettinger, Livermore and LuVerne. Many lifelong friends were made in the

process.

Norma was preceded in death by her husband, George, her parents, her son-in-law, Jeff Brebner, nine brothers-in-law, James, Stanley, Willis, Thomas, Chester, Ralph, Melvin and two who died as children, Albert and John, three sisters-in-law, Alberta, Kathleen and Marjorie.

She is survived by her children, David (Becky) Brighton of Fort Dodge, Marcia Brighton-Brebner of Newell, Mark Brighton of Cleghorn, six grandchildren, Kolin (Nicole) Brighton of Cedar Rapids, Valerea Brebner of Fort Dodge, Katie Brighton of Marion, Zachary Brebner of Newell, Laura Brighton of Hinton and Kyle Brighton of Hinton, sister-in-law, Beverly (Ray) Nedved of Mason City and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.