

KNOCK, Opal (Magnuson) Erickson

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Opal Erickson Knock

Opal Magnuson was born December 22, 1911 in Elk Point, SD to parents Carl and Mary (Erickson) Magnuson and entered into death on September 1, 2000 at the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Viborg, SD at the age of 88 years, eight months and nine days.

Opal received her early education in Elk Point and graduated from high school in 1930. She married Dewey Erickson on December 15, 1930. In 1938 the couple moved to a farm south of Davis, SD where Dewey farmed until his death in 1980. She married William Knock of Davis in 1991.

Opal's love of music was with her throughout her life. She played for silent movies in Elk Point in the 20's. Opal and her family lived in San Diego, California in the late 50's and she played for College Lutheran Church there. After returning to Davis she was the church organist at Scandia Lutheran Church in Centerville for over 20 years where she played for over 700 funerals and 300 weddings.

In April 2000 Opal entered the Pioneer Memorial Home in Viborg where she entertained the staff and residents daily with her piano playing abilities. She brought music and joy to everyone she met. Opal loved sewing, music, reading and cooking, but she always said her greatest joy was raising her three children.

Opal was a member of Scandia Lutheran Church, The Eastern Star, and the Davis Doers Extension Club.

Among those who survive and who gratefully shared her life are husband Bill of Davis; two sons, Russell and his wife Marlene of Sioux Falls, Dean and his wife Jan of Davis, and her daughter Rosemary and her husband Arnie Stenseth of San Diego, CA; five grandchildren, Sandra, Doug and Jeff Erickson, Karen Iversen, and Tessa Sugahara; two step-grandchildren Callie and her husband Kevin Brick and Mari and her husband Joe Jordan; three step-great-grandchildren Shannon and Seth Brick, and Brooks Jordan; and her brother Lou Hausel of California.

Besides her husband Dewey, she was preceded in death by two brothers Clarence and Don, one sister Mary Lou and her parents.