



Alice F. Bloomquist

August 21, 1933 – October 20, 2012

Alice Bloomquist was born in Blytheville, Arkansas to Emmet and Bertha Pickens the youngest of nine children - only her sister Eileen and her husband Paul Coger of Little Rock, AR, is still living. There are three surviving sisters-in-law; Mary Bloomquist, Janet & her husband Larry Fleck, and Marsha Malquist, all three of Minnesota. Three surviving sons are Lowell Dennis & his wife Estell of Clifton, Colorado, Michael & his wife Jeanelle now from Ogallala and Ronald who has also returned to Ogallala. There are 8 grandsons, 1 granddaughter, 3 great-granddaughters and 1 great-grandson. Many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Alice grew up in Dyess, Booneville and Little Rock, Arkansas. She met Lowell in 1954 in Memphis, Tennessee while he was stationed at Camp Millington Naval Base, and married him February 2, 1955.

Alice was a loving, supportive, caring wife and mother. During which time she began working as a volunteer within the communities that she lived. This work entailed assisting individuals to overcome difficulties and turn their lives around to become better husbands, wives, parents and children.

Since her husband Lowell was an Electronics Engineer involved in Aerospace and Tele-communications, she was constantly getting uprooted to move to a new location. Some of the areas they established homes were Coon Rapids, Minnesota; Granada Hills, California; Englewood, Ohio; Bainbridge, Ohio and Hunstville, Alabama, before settling in Ogallala, Nebraska in 1976.

After years of caring for her family and raising three sons, she began working outside the home. She was able to use the years of experience in raising a family and working to improve individuals lives in the service industry first at Reiselman's Sign Company and then in at various food establishments around the Ogallala area. Her concern and desire to help others improve their lives is why she was so successful in the customer service field.

Alice was an active member of the Ogallala Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses since moving to the area in 1976. As an active member she was able to reach out to and assist many individuals in Western Nebraska and Northeastern Colorado.

She had to leave the Food Service industry to care for her longtime husband in 1985 when he had several massive heart attacks and lost over half of his heart. From that point on, she was a caregiver to her husband and still found time for her children and her volunteer work. After Lowell's death in March 2010, her health started to decline. All three of her sons returned to Ogallala to assist her during the last few months of her life. Fraught with anxieties, poor health, increased infections and complications from long term illness, she finally went to sleep on Saturday, October 20, 2012. Now she is in Jehovah's memory awaiting the resurrection referred to by Jesus at John 5:28-29.

We will surely miss her smiling face and positive comments; however we are all better people for having had the opportunity to get to know her.

A memorial service will be held at the Ogallala Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses on Saturday October 27, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. with Tony Raffaelli officiating.

Online condolences may be sent to webmaster@drauckerfh.com.

Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.