



Doris Burggraff

October 1, 1929 - July 23, 2010

Doris Burggraff, 80, long-time resident of Onamia, passed away on July 23, 2010 surrounded by her three loving daughters.

Doris is survived by her daughters, Connie (Gary) Westeen of Woodbury, Linda (John) Mielke of Inver Grove Heights, and Kathryn (Jon) Anderson of Minneapolis; grandchildren Leslee (Steven) Johns, Erik Westeen (Meghann Welch), Melissa (Sam) McBride, Brady Mielke, and Carly and Elena Anderson.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 58 years, George; her parents; and 11 brothers and sisters.

Doris was born on October 1, 1929 on the family farm in Rice River Township to Warner and Hilma (Ulvi) Bodie. The youngest of 10 surviving children, she attended grade school in McGregor and later moved with her parents to Cloquet where she completed high school. She was united in marriage to George Burggraff on July 16, 1949. The couple moved to the Mille Lacs area when George accepted a teaching position at Onamia High School in 1956, and they remained in Onamia for the rest of their days, raising their three girls, cultivating life-long friendships, and making the community their home.

For 10 years, Doris was a caregiver to her widower father who moved in with the family in 1966. She also worked part-time at Maxine's Gift & Variety Store and for many years at the Onamia Drug Store (better known by her grandchildren as "Ama's Treat Store"). But there was really only one job in life that mattered to her, and that was giving her heart and soul to being a mother

to Connie, Linda and Katy—and later, being the very best Ama in the world to her six precious grand-babies—and those were roles she performed selflessly. There was nothing she loved more than spending time with her family, and one thing was certain: When Ama was around, no one ever went away hungry.

After the death of her husband in 2007, Doris moved to Lake Song Assisted Living where she resided with her faithful friend, her kitty Scooter, until her passing. The family thanks Lake Song staff and residents for their friendship and support during the last two-and-a-half years and especially during the final four weeks of Doris' life. Thanks also to the MLHS team for their care. Those who mourn Doris remember her for her unassuming nature, her quiet generosity, and her gracious spirit, knowing fully that “grief is the purest evidence that we have loved and loved well.”

Tribute Wall



“ *Doris Burggraff*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Our sympathy to the family. We are glad that "Hooty" got in contact with you. Have a good time together.
From Old Time neighbors,
Wayne and Ruth##imported-begin##T. Wayne and Ruth
Larson##imported-end##*

July 29, 2010 at 01:43 PM



“ *We know that you will miss your mom a lot. The wedding picture of George and Aunt Doris reminded so much of my mom (Norma). We remember our first visit to Onamia and how hospitable your mom was to us even with having to care for Grandpa Bodie at the time. Our prayers are with all of the family.##imported-begin##Rob & Gerda McGilvray##imported-end##*

July 28, 2010 at 10:13 AM



“ *Aunt Doris was a special person who always had a smile and made us feel so welcome. I have fond memories of her and George when I was growing up. They were such a fun couple to be around. I can still remember the day when Mom & Dad helped them make the BIG move to Onamia. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Barb(Bodie) & Lyle Kohs##imported-end##*

July 27, 2010 at 11:56 AM



“ I just now saw that your mom has passed away, and I feel so bad I cannot make it up there for the services, but I will have her and all of you in my thoughts. I wrote some of my thoughts in the Messenger, that was before I saw this.

Take all of your memories and wrap them around you.

With love

Connie###imported-begin##Connie (Olson) Holl###imported-end##

July 26, 2010 at 07:12 PM



“ Connie and Family: We were very sorry to hear of the passing of Connie's Mom. We can see that she was an extraordinary and special Mom, who loved & did a fantastic job raising 3 very special daughters. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.###imported-begin##Carol & Paul Lugg###imported-end##

July 26, 2010 at 03:13 PM



“ Connie, Gary, Erik and Leslee - I am so sorry for your loss. Your family is my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Find comfort knowing she has been reunited with her loved ones and is smiling over each and everyone of you.###imported-begin##Sheri Heimerl###imported-end##

July 26, 2010 at 11:17 AM



“ Sorry for your loss of a truly exceptional lady. Her love is evident in the amazing women and grandchildren she continues to inspire. - Jamie, Jason Brown & Family###imported-begin##Jamie Brown & Family###imported-end##

July 26, 2010 at 10:35 AM



“ *Connie, Gary and entire family,
Leslee and I would like to express our sincere sympathy in the passing of Connie's mother. We know you will miss her dearly, and we wish you nothing but fond memories of your lives together. What a wonderful biography you wrote about your mother! Your love shines through!*
*With all our love and sympathies,
Alan and Leslee##imported-begin##Alan and Leslee
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July 26, 2010 at 09:53 AM



“ *To Doris' family and friends - We are so sorry for your loss. Bob & Adrienne Johnson.##imported-begin##Bob Johnson##imported-end##*

July 26, 2010 at 08:55 AM



“ *I so remember when your Mom and Dad moved to Onamia, my junior year in high school. How can it be so many years ago? They were so young and so very kind. My deepest sympathy to you. My father died 45 years ago and my mother 57 years ago. I think of them every day. Your good parents will be in your hearts always. Blessings.##imported-begin##Catherine Murray Mamer##imported-end##*

July 25, 2010 at 11:31 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. May all the wonderful memories you have of time spent with your mom and dad (and we know there are lots) give you comfort in the weeks and months and years to come.##imported-begin##Mary and Craig Burton##imported-end##

July 25, 2010 at 09:39 PM



“ Your mom was such a great lady! I know you will all miss her very much. You have so many great memories of her and your dad to keep their spirits alive!

My thoughts and prayers go out to you all!##imported-begin##Carol Mathers##imported-end##

July 25, 2010 at 06:20 PM



“ Connie and Family,
So sad to hear about the passing of your mother. Losing your Mom is one of the more difficult things in life--please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers as you grieve and remember your Mom. (Connie, you look just like her!)
Love ya, Marcia##imported-begin##Marcia Denison##imported-end##

July 25, 2010 at 05:16 PM



“ *Connie and Family,
I am so very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Our hearts go out to you and your family. May God be with you and grant you peace.##imported-begin##Sharon and Greg Maurer##imported-end##*

July 25, 2010 at 05:15 PM



“ *So sorry that your mother has passed away. (The last of the Warner Bodie generation). While it has been a long time since we saw her I can still remember her kindness and laugh.
With our sympathy.
Terry & Kathy Hanlon##imported-begin##Terry & Kathy Hanlon##imported-end##*

July 25, 2010 at 12:18 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We know you all were very close to your Mom and it is a very sad time. When we saw her picture, it certainly reminded of us of our Mom, Ellen.##imported-begin##Mike & Paulette Hanlon##imported-end##*

July 24, 2010 at 09:57 PM