



## Dorothy Aadland

July 7, 1930 - January 30, 2009

Dorothy was born on July 7, 1930 in Spooner, Wisconsin to the late Walter and Alice Higgins. When she was eighteen Dorothy moved to Minneapolis, MN and worked in a factory. She met her husband Donald, who was in the Air Force and stationed at Walt Chamberlain Air Force Base. They raised seven children. Dorothy and Donald moved to Forest Lake, MN and started providing Foster Care for Washington County and continued to do so for twenty-five years. In that twenty-five years of service, the couple had over 800 foster children in placement, which really showed their love for children. They were honored as Minnesota's Foster Parents of the Year in 1992 and retired in 1993. After retirement, Dorothy and Don moved to their vacation home in Wahkon, MN and Dorothy lived there until she moved to the nursing home in Onamia. There she made some very special friendships with the staff and residents.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons, Myron (Roberta) Aadland of Columbia Heights, MN, Steven (Laura) Aadland of Almelund, MN, Jeffrey Aadland of Lindstrom, MN; daughters, Kim (Scott) Jongquist of Richland Center, WI, Kristi (Gene) Hill of Isle, MN, Kari Aadland of St. Paul, and Kimi Lawver of Columbia Heights, MN; brothers, Jerry (Barb) Higgins of Aitkin, MN, Michael Higgins of Hopkins, MN, Kenton Higgins of Las Vegas, NV; 24 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Donald R. Aadland; parents,

Walter and Alice Higgins; daughter-in-law, Debra Aadland; brothers, Earl Higgins, Gordon Higgins, Ward Higgins; sisters, Kathryn Preblic, Patricia Harris.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Living Water Assembly of God  
Hwy 27 & County Road 128  
Onamia, MN

## Service

FEB 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Aadland*

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“ *So many memories pass through my mind of years past and of growing up and visiting my Aunt Dorothy in Forest Lake. I still cherish my childhood memories of family get togethers that included Dorothy's entire clan.*

*Although the years have past, I held fond memories that will never pass and hope that she will be as blessed in heaven as we were blessed to know her on earth.*

*God be with her family at this time,  
Shelly Higgins (her niece)##imported-begin##Shelly  
Higgins##imported-end##*

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“ *I have such loving thoughts of Dorothy. A great sister-in-law and was so happy to have been able to talk to her for a long time just a few weeks past.*

*I know where you are and know that God's arms are around you and that you see your brother and my beloved husband Gordy.*

*My thoughts and prayers to all of her children and loved ones as they go through these days ahead.*

*God be with you,  
Jeanette##imported-begin##Jeanette Higgins##imported-end##*

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. She was a loving and caring person and will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Mallory##imported-end##*

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