



## Irene Probasco

January 30, 1916 - August 7, 2010

Irene Lena (Dahmen) Probasco was born on January 30, 1916 to Nicholas and Catherine (Brausen) Dahmen. She was the only remaining sibling of a family of 15 children. Irene was born in Morrison County, Minnesota and was united in marriage to Daniel LeRoy Probasco on June 27, 1937. Daniel "Dan", and Irene had 61 wonderful years together before his death in October of 1998. Most all their married life was in Onamia. From this marriage 5 daughters were born.

Irene was a cook most all of her life working many places around the Onamia area; such as the Bus Depot Café, Twins Café (Cedarwood), and many years at the Onamia School as a cook, and Irene also catered many weddings. People always loved her big cookies, pies, and cinnamon rolls. When she worked at school she helped many kids pay for their lunch if they did not have lunch money. She even helped out a boy who did not have enough money to pay for his car insurance. She would tell with a smile and a twinkle in her eye, that she always got paid back except maybe once, so that was pretty good she would say. Irene loved having her family around and cooked many large meals and no one ever went away hungry.

After Dan's death she moved to North Carolina and lived with her daughter, Geraldine Ethridge and her husband, Chuck. Irene would fly back to Minnesota every summer for a month or so to visit her daughters and family. She was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Onamia, MN and the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in North Carolina. Irene was a long time

member of the American Legion and VFW Auxiliary.

Irene is survived by her daughters Geraldine (Chuck) Ethridge of Lenoir, NC, Gloria (David) Leach of Onamia, MN, Sylvia (Donald) Hamilton of Wahkon, MN, Nancy (Donald) Zaske of Onamia, MN; 14 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Daniel; daughter, Linda; grandson, Charles; parents; and 14 brothers & sisters.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 15. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Bethany Lutheran Church - Onamia  
500 Lindquist St  
Onamia, MN 56359

## Service

AUG 15. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Irene Probasco*

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