



Maxine Gish

September 13, 1915 - February 18, 2009

Maxine was born on September 13, 1915 in Minneapolis, MN to James and Anna (Carleton) Pickering. As a child she attended thirteen schools and graduated from Onamia High School, where she met the love of her life Louis “Lou” Gish. Her parents operated Vineland Resort on Lake Mille Lacs and in 1934 they moved to Alexandria, MN. Lou, not one to let her get away, followed and the couple was engaged. They were married on November 24, 1934 in Minneapolis, MN and resided in Onamia, MN. Maxine started her own gift and variety store out of the front porch of their home. It was a success and one year later it took its place on Onamia’s Main Street. It was rightfully named “Maxine’s Gift & Variety Store”. Her store served the community for thirty seven years. Maxine was recognized by her community as Mother of the Year, and the couple were twice Grand Marshals of the parade held during Onamia Days. She also volunteered for the Civic Association and worked the hamburger stand. She was the first president of the Hospital Auxiliary and she was a member of the American Heart Association. Maxine attained the position of Worthy Matron in the Order of the Eastern Star and faithfully served the Martha Joy Circle and WELCA. The couple were members of Bethany Lutheran Church in Onamia. In her younger years, Maxine enjoyed league bowling. Playing bridge and being with her friends and family was how Maxine liked to spend her time.

Maxine is survived by her daughters, Linda (Sheldon) Johnson of Brooklyn Park, MN and Barbara (John) Strecker of Onamia, MN; 10 grandchildren; and

13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James & Anna Pickering;
husband, Louis "Lou" Gish; sons, Bobby & Jim Gish; sister, Eleanor Jackson.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Onamia
100 North Pine
Onamia, MN

Visitation

FEB 21. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Service

FEB 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maxine Gish*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM