



Gladys Esther Waugh

June 30, 1924 - January 19, 2016

Gladys Esther Waugh was born on June 30, 1924 to Torger Erickson and Hannah (Wisted) Rafdal in Story City, Iowa. She graduated from Story City High School in 1942, where she excelled in track and was quite a good roller skater. She married Frederick Althan Waugh on November 14, 1942 in Webster City, Iowa. One child, Steven Michael Waugh, was born to this union on December 17, 1944.

Gladys was a farm wife most of her younger life and never lived more than 8 miles away from where she was born in Story City. The first farm they lived on was the original Nels and Rikka Waugh farm north of Roland near Radcliffe for five years. Then they moved to a farm 1 mile east and 3 miles south of Roland, and lived there until her husband passed away from emphysema on July 10, 1975. Gladys then spent the rest of her life in a house she designed and had built in Roland, until she came to Bethany Manor in 2012.

While on the farm, she was always cooking and baking for the thrashers and hired men. Besides her chores as a farmer's wife, Gladys was a member of the Roland American Legion Auxiliary for nearly 70 years. She worked as a Tupperware Representative in the 1950's, at Ames Stationary in 1960's, as a cartographer at Iowa State University in the 1970's, was secretary to the Roland Mayor in the 1980's and the Roland Library in the 1990's. Gladys was an avid bowler with her husband Fred, and they often could be seen "cutting a rug" at the Val Air Ballroom in Des Moines. They hosted many card parties over the years and she was known to be quite the "card shark!"

Gladys went to be with her beloved Lord Jesus on January 19, 2016 at 91 years of age.

Gladys is survived by her son, Steve Waugh and his long time fiancé and companion, Lori Jankalski, of Sparks, Maryland; one granddaughter, Heather (Waugh) McEligot of Charlottesville, Virginia; two great-grandchildren, Willow and Jasper McEligot of Charlottesville, Virginia; a brother, Elwood Leroy Rafdal of Des Moines; sisters-in-law, Bea Bea Rafdal of Denver, Opal Rafdal of Indianapolis and Doreen Rafdal of Des Moines; and 16 nieces and nephews.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; four brothers, Clarence, Albert, Alton and Don Rafdal; two sisters, Bea Howerton and Margaret Twedt; two nieces, Marla and Debbie; and five nephews, Roger, Kevin, Jeff, Rod and Ronald.

The family wishes to make special tribute to Gladys' niece, Joann (Howerton) Sandoval, for her devoted and loyal faithfulness to Gladys over the years.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bethany Manor in Story City.

Cemetery

Roland Cemetery

59168 130th St.

Roland, IA, 50236

Events

JAN **Visitation** 09:00AM - 10:30AM

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Salem Lutheran Church

102 S. Main Street, Roland, IA, US

JAN **Funeral Service**10:30AM - 11:15AM

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Comments



“ Steve and Lori I am so sorry for your loss Steve I never knew your mother but I felt like I did because Lori would share pictures and story's about you mom.

Donna Connors - January 27 at 08:48 AM



“ Steve, Lori and family,
It is with my most heartfelt condolences I extend to each of you my prayers and love at this most difficult time of closure in full respect of your delightful Mother and our very dear neighbor in NE Milford Twp. Gladys always had such a beautiful, open, welcoming smile, and snappy eyes as she would greet you with her immediate 'sharp as a tack' conversations and wit. Over the years it was always a pleasure to visit with Gladys. On my last visit, we all had such a good time and many hardy laughs with her on that last day (6/29) before she 'was to get older and be 91'. Tiny as she was, she never missed a beat of any of the conversations or reminiscing. And of course it was always a pleasure to be with her and share those good Scandinavian hug and kisses. She was a real JOY! And her mind was a TREASURE! You will always have those fond memories and can continue to count your BLESSING. Gladys will be greeted by Fred's loving arms in God's paradise and we will all await that opportunity to all be together again. May God's Peace and Gladys' guidance always be with you. My love and thoughts will continue, Milfordite, Jurine Borton Moore 1/21/2016



Jurine Borton Moore - January 21 at 09:19 PM



“ Steve, I will always be appreciative of her faithfulness in sending greeting cards to Ron and me. I wished I would have known her even better. You are fortunate to have such a mom as Gladys.

You have my sympathy for your loss.

Marcy Olson Turner

Marcy Olson Turner - January 21 at 08:34 PM



“ Bea Bea, Mary, Charley, Melissa, Megan, Tom & Merry purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gladys Esther Waugh.



Bea Bea, Mary, Charley, Melissa, Megan, Tom & Merry - January 21 at 10:35 AM



“ Steve

I remember a trip to Iowa that I took with Dad. We drove up to Roland. Aunt Bea and Margaret were there with Gladys and I was starving that day. Gladys had made Kumal for us. It was so delicious!!! I will never forget it and such a fun day with them all.

When I was growing up and as a young adult, Dad would sometimes tell me that I did or said something or laughed and looked for that second, just like his sister, Gladys. I was always so happy and proud to think that I in any way reminded him of her. She was so pretty and wonderful! She was always happy and young into her old age.

Mary Helen

Mary Buckley - January 21 at 10:11 AM



“ Steve and family,
What a beautiful photo of Gladys ;) That's the way I will always remember her.

I visited her 3 times at Bethany Manor; last time being 2nd week in Dec. when I was in skilled care recouping from knee replacement surgery. She knew me and was still very talkative.

She gave my late mom, Alice Tunesvik, a HUGS poem; mom and I both cherished the meaning behind it.

I enjoyed her outgoing personality, the constant smile on her face, and her zest for life.

RIP GLADYS; now you can join Fred and family members again.

My sympathies to you all.



Betty Tunesvik Gordon - January 21 at 03:26 AM



“ Steve,

Your mom was a lovely woman, and I know how hard her passing is for you. May it give you some comfort to know that she lived a long, full life and that her memory lives on in your heart. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are there with you and Lori.

Love Dinah

Dinah - January 20 at 04:14 PM



“ Cindy Cole lit a candle in memory of Gladys Esther Waugh



Cindy Cole - January 20 at 02:24 PM