

Life on earth is a transient affair -

Just a few brief years in which to prepare

For a life that is free from pain and tears,

Where time is not counted by hours or years.

So death is not sad - it's a time for elation,

A joyous transition, the soul's emigration

Into a place where the soul's safe and free

To live with God through eternity.

Helen Steiner Rice



Lois Pauline "Polly" Engstrom, 91 of Alpha, IL passed away Monday, October 29, 2018 at OSF St. Mary Medical Center in Galesburg, IL. Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday November 3, 2018 at Grace Lutheran Church in Ophiem, IL. Burial is in the Alpha Cemetery. Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Friday at Peterson Wallin Knox Funeral Home in Alpha. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to AlWood Elementary School Library, Oxford American Legion Post 1197 Auxiliary or Tri-County Ambulance Service. Online condolences may be made at www.petersonwallinknox.com.

She was born October 5, 1927 in McMinnville, TN to Samuel and Alice Walker Craig. She attended the McMinnville schools and graduated in April 1944 from Belmont Beauty School in Nashville, TN. Polly married John G. Engstrom February 8, 1945 in Galesburg, IL. He died September 20, 2009.

Polly was a beautician for over 37 years, beginning her career in Nashville, TN and owned and operated "Polly's Beauty Shop" in Alpha. She also assisted her husband in farming.

She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Oxford American Legion Post 1197 Auxiliary and volunteered at the AlWood Food Pantry.

She enjoyed gardening, cooking, shopping, and especially being with her family and friends.

Survivors include: one son: Ronald (Cindy) Engstrom of Athens, IL; two daughters:

Jeanine (Jim) McGaughy of Orion, IL; Kimberly Engstrom of Bloomington, IL and her special friend, Jeff Newman of Woodhull, IL; four grandchildren: Bruce (Rita) McGaughy of Mercer Island, WA; Michelle (GW) Fuhr of St. Charles, IL; Jenny (Kurt) Behrent of Pawnee, IL; Diana Engstrom of Chicago, IL; eleven great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; one sister: Betty Burch of McMinnville, TN; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; grandson: Todd Engstrom; two sisters: Audrey Pendergraph and Ora Mae Johnson.



Lois Pauline "Polly" Engstrom

October 5, 1927
October 29, 2018



In Memory of
Lois Pauline "Polly" Engstrom

Born
October 5, 1927

Entered in Eternal Rest
October 29, 2018

Services
10:30 AM Saturday
November 3, 2018
Grace Lutheran Church
Ophiem, Illinois

Officiating
Reverend Nancy Jaster

Organists
Pam Eiker and Liz Robinson

Vocalist
Denise Eiker

Interment
Alpha Cemetery

Luncheon
Grace Lutheran Church

Pallbearers
Dwight Burch Rodney Engstrom
Doug Peterson Gary Taylor
Marvin Watters Troy Williams

Honorary Pallbearers
Kurt Behrent
GW Fuhr
Alice Mahalovich
Bruce McGaughy
Ron Pettit
Lloyd Schwarzentraub
Jeff Newman



After Glow

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the
ways,
of happy times and laughing
times and bright and
sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those
who grieve, to dry before the
sun of happy memories that
I leave when life is done.

