

Ophelia was born **Ophelia Etna Lack** on April 9, 1927 and passed away on February 1, 2019 to join her many friends and family members who have gone before her. She was born in Big Flat, Arkansas to Joseph and Ruth Lack. She was the oldest girl in a family of 9 children. Ophelia graduated from Paris High School in Paris, Arkansas in 1945. She then enrolled in the Seminary in Rolla, Missouri but came home and told her father she wanted to be a teacher and not a minister. She received her teaching certificate and her goal was to teach in a different place and keep moving. She began teaching in Alexandria, MN and met her husband Al as she was trying to set him up with a friend of hers. He soon fell for her charms and they were married in 1959 at the home of his boss, Harold Hall. Greg was adopted in 1963 and Renee was born to them in 1965.

Ophelia enjoyed traveling with her family, bridge club with various friends, teaching Sunday School and became Christian Education Director at the United Method Church in Alexandria. She was active in PEO and Bible studies. She and Al were also part of a very special group of friends that began as a tennis club and transformed into a gourmet group that met monthly for wonderful meals and fine friendship. Her neighborhood friends were very dear to her as well and the local “network” provided endless support to Ophelia and her family. Our family would like to extend a very special thank you to all the dear friends that were part of mom’s life and were there for us ‘til the end.

Ophelia was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Ruth, her brothers Elwood Lack, Edwin Lack, Joseph Lack, twin sisters Martha Nelson and Enid Heathcoat and sisters Angialea Pender, Joetta Alexander and Lida Mary Lack. She is survived by her husband of nearly 60 years, Alvin Moen, son Greg (Kristin) of Bemidji, MN, daughter Renee Salmon of St. Charles, MO, grandchildren Dylan Kress, Dustin Kress, Ryan Salmon and Annika Moen. Ophelia is also survived by many nieces and nephews with whom she was very close.

*In Loving Memory of*

**Ophelia E.  
Moen**

April 9, 1927



February 1, 2019



**Memorial Service**

First Lutheran Church

Alexandria, Minnesota

Thursday, February 7, 2019

2:00 PM

**Officiant**

Reverend Kari Van Wakeren

**Organist**

Randy Morken

**Soloist**

Talia Zeman

**Honorary Urnbearers**

Dylan Kress

Dustin Kress

Ryan Salmon

Annika Moen

*Arrangements*

Anderson Funeral Home

Alexandria, Minnesota

*The Day God Called You Home*

*God looked around His garden  
and found an empty space.*

*Then He looked down upon the earth  
and saw your tired face.*

*He put his arms around you,  
lifted you to rest.*

*God's garden must be beautiful,  
for He only takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering.  
He knew you were in pain.*

*He saw the road was getting rough,  
and the hills were hard to climb.*

*So He closed your weary eyes,  
and whispered, "Peace be thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you did not go alone.*

*For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.*