

Evelyn Irene Cooper, 91, of Faulkton, passed away, Friday, May 23, 2014 at the Faulkton Area Medical Center.

Evelyn Irene was born June 8, 1922 to Clarence and Emma (Hagenlock) Rusch in Elroy Township near Onaka, South Dakota. She attended elementary school at Lincoln School in Elroy Township and graduated from Seneca High School in 1939. She attended Northern State College one year, received her First Grade certificate enabling her to teach at Ford and Latham Schools, each for two years. She returned to teaching in 1960, and finished getting her degree by attending summer sessions and extension classes, graduating from Northern State University in 1974. She continued teaching until retiring in 1985.

On August 11, 1943, she married John W. Cooper in Brownwood, Texas where Jack was stationed at Fort Hood. To this union, four children were born: Jacque, Delbert, Charlene and Jill.

Upon John's "Jack's" discharge from the U.S. Army Medical Corp, they established a home in Seneca Township. They moved to several other rented farms before building their own home on the farm site owned by Jack's parents, the W.H. Cooper's, in Latham Township. They continued to live there and farm until failing health prevented Jack from actively participating in the farm work in 1987. They continued to live in their farm home until April of 1995 when they purchased a home in Faulkton.

Irene was a member of the United Methodist Church in Seneca and Faulkton, the Rebekah Lodge in both Seneca and Faulkton, a bible study group, the Healthcare Auxiliary, the Tuesday Club, Retired Teachers, and Jolly Dozen Whist Club, plus several other organizations.

Gardening, crafting, music, reading, cards, volunteer work, her grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and people in general were some of Irene's favorite pastimes.

Grateful to have shared in her life are her three daughters: Jacque (Duane) Frisinger of Moorhead, MN, Charlene (Thomas) Haggar of Lincoln, NE and Jill (Gary) Henderson of Albuquerque, NM; one daughter-in-law, Barbara Cooper of Sioux Falls; three brothers: Clif (Marilyn) Rusch of Spearfish, Ken (Marilyn) Rusch of Fairmont, MN and Robert (Darlene) Rusch of Onaka; one sister, Corinne (Joe) Bowar of Faulkton; seven grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jack; son, Delbert; granddaughter, Angela (Cooper) Powers; son-in-law, Stan Wahlen; and a great-great granddaughter, Kirstin Booke.



Evelyn Irene Cooper

1922 - 2014

Arrangements Entrusted To

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FUNERAL HOME

Faulkton, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net

In Loving Memory

Evelyn Irene Cooper



June 8, 1922
Elroy Township, South Dakota

May 23, 2014
Faulkton, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 27, 2014
United Church of Faulkton
Faulkton, South Dakota

CLERGY

Pastor Bill Hoffman

CASKETBEARERS: Grandchildren

Dawn & Chris Cantler – Trevor & Kari Wahlen
Teresa & Charles Burgess – Elizabeth & Jared Hoffman
Bret & Kim Haggar – Jessica & Erik Hustad
Caron & Michael Ferrin

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

Great Grandchildren – Great-Great Granddaughter

USHERS

Jerry Fischer – Bob Hadrick

ORGANIST

Cheryl Tisher

QUARTET

Joel Melius – Ryan Melius
Marilyn Hadrick – Cheryl Bowar

“He Touched Me” & “One Day At A Time”

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

INTERMENT

Faulkton Cemetery
Faulkton, South Dakota

*“Christ by coming into the
world changed the sunset of humanity
into the sunrise of eternity.”*