



Mabel Gladys Vinson

October 11, 1919 - June 14, 2011

Mabel Gladys Vinson, daughter of Walter and Emma (Reeves) Laird was born October 11, 1919 on the family farm in Marion County, Iowa. Mabel married Robert Vinson on January 24, 1946, after he returned from serving in the Army in New Guinea and Australia during World War II. To this union a daughter Carol and a son, Kenn were born. Mabel and Robert made their home in Knoxville. In 2008, Mabel moved to Southridge Nursing Home in Marshalltown. She passed away June 14th at Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center.

Mabel attended a country school and Tracy Public School. When her children were grown she went to work at the Veterans Administration Medical Center at Knoxville in the dietary department. She retired in 1983.

Mabel was a homemaker and loved caring for her family. She enjoyed gardening, growing roses, bird watching, writing poetry, cooking and baking, quilting, playing the organ and visiting with friends and family. When asked about the favorite foods their grandma cooked, the "grands" and the "greats" would say her fantastic fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade pies, cookies and her friendship bread in many flavors.

She was happiest caring for her children and then grandchildren and great grandchildren, especially reading to them and helping them explore the world around them.

One of the highlights of Mabel's life was when she and Robert, along with Mabel's sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Henry Goad, visited the Hawaiian

Islands. She and Robert also made many trips to Colorado to visit their daughter when she and her family lived there. She looked forward to the Knoxville Nationals when her "Aussie" friends, (who lovingly called her "Mrs. V".) stayed at her home during the races.

Mabel was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Knoxville, AARP, NARF, VFW Ladies Auxiliary and several circles in the church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Robert, brothers; Andrew (infant), Marvin and Halbert Laird and sisters; Marlene Bear and Helen Goad. She is survived by daughter Carol McAdam of Waukee, IA, Kenn (Pam) Vinson of Marshalltown, IA; grandchildren Christopher McAdam of Des Moines, IA., Patrick (Theresa) McAdam of Adel, IA., Scott Vinson of Washington D.C., Elizabeth (Scott) Kilts of Des Moines, IA., Brian (Christina) Vinson of Arlington, VA.; great grandchildren Nicholas and Zachary McAdam, James and Faith Kilts, Christopher McAdam Jr. She is also survived by a brother-in-law Henry Goad of Colorado and sister-in-law Lee Lang (Joe) of Carlisle; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many precious friends, including Chuck and Mary Belle Day of Knoxville.

Services will be held on Saturday, June 18th, 2011 at 11:00 am at the Winfield Funeral Home, Knoxville with visitation preceding the service at 10:00 am. Memorials can be directed to the Knoxville Food Bank or the United Methodist Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mabel Gladys Vinson*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Mabel Gladys Vinson*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Glad to be able to send my sympathy and condolences to all of my loved in Mabel's Family. I reminisce now about the nice trip when we four went to HAWAII in '86 together, for I know they sure appreciated us two chaperoning them. Went to 5 islands then, no Molokai now. A very nice trip, so busy that Bob didn't get the chance to whomp me playing cribbage. Sorry that I was not able to attend today. My Love to all, Henry*

Henry A. Goad - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Carol, Sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. Memories will be there always and become more precious. Take care Kathy Beal*

Kathy Beal - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about your mother. Guess we should be thankful for the many years you and your brother had her in your lives. Psalm 116:15*

Jean (Sager) Quinn - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Carol, am so sorry to hear about your mom. Remember all the fun time had at your house growing up and what a great person your mom was, you we lucky to have her for so long. Sorry I can't come to her service sat but have another obligation. God bless you and Kenn

Linda (Coop) Shinn - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM