

Ila L. Agler, age 91, of Spencer, Iowa, and formerly of Marathon, Iowa, died on November 21, 2018, at the St. Luke Lutheran Home in Spencer.

Ila L. Josephson, the daughter of Gust and Media (Blomgren) Josephson was born at home on a farm near Albert City, Iowa. She was the third of six children. Ila was baptized and confirmed at the Ljunghed Lutheran Church at Albert City. She began her education at the Albert City Community School through the 11th grade and then transferred to Marathon where she graduated from the Marathon Consolidated School with the Class of 1945. On October 12, 1946, Ila was united in marriage to Charles "Buck" Agler at the Zion Lutheran Church of rural Storm Lake, Iowa, and this couple was blessed with two children: Larry and Diane. Ila worked as a teller at the Marathon bank from 1960 until 1978. She was then employed at the Marathon Farmers Coop from 1978 until 1989 but continued to fill in at the Coop until 1995.

Ila was active in the Marathon community where she helped with the "Marathon to Marathon" for several years, was a Cub Scout Den Mother, a Girl's 4-H Club leader, and belonged to the Tuesday Study Club, a 500 Card Club and the Happy 8 Club. She was a faithful member of the Grace Lutheran Church at Marathon where she had been a Sunday School teacher, Bible School teacher, served on the Church Council and was active in all of the ladies church organizations. Ila enjoyed playing cards, sewing, reading books, and attending her grandchildren's activities.

Ila's life is honored and cherished by her family which include her children: Larry (Sandy) Agler of Sorento, Illinois and Diane Rettig of Spencer, Iowa, her grandchildren: Shawn Rettig (Jodi) of Spencer, Iowa, Chris (Jane) Rettig of Ames, Iowa, , Missy (Matt) Loyet of Highland, Illinois, and Troy (Rebecca) Robertson of Highland, Illinois, her great grandchildren: Theron Rettig, Dakota Rettig, Lily Rettig, Autumn Rettig, Andrew Loyet, Cameron Loyet, Kaden Loyet, Lainie Elise Loyet, Dune Robertson, Zane Robertson, Mazzy Robertson, four great great grandchildren: Aris Rettig, Kayven Rettig, Noah Rettig, and Fenyx Rettig, a sister: Delores Christianson of Knob Noster, Missouri, a sister-in-law: Nola Josephson of Albert City, Iowa, numerous nieces, nephews, other extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 65 years, Charles "Buck" Agler on March 16, 2012, her sisters: Ilon (Luther) Schmidt and Arlene (Lester) Pautsch, her brothers: Robert Josephson and Lloyd Josephson, her brothers-in-law: Dean "Chris" Christianson and Ronald (Irene) Agler, and sister-in-law: Mildred (Don) Cox.

Memorials may be given in Ila's memory to Alzheimer's Research, Hospice, or a Charity of your choice.

In Loving Memory



Ila L. Agler

1927 — 2018



Golden Heart

God saw she was getting tired

And a cure was not to be, so He put

His strong arms 'round you and whispered,

“Come Home to Me.”

With tearful eyes we watched you

Suffer and saw you fade away,

And though we loved you dearly

We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,

Hard-working hands now rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us

He only takes the best.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. Please join us for refreshments and a time of fellowship at the church following the burial.

— *The Family of Ila Agler*

IN MEMORY OF

Ila L. Agler

July 20, 1927 — November 21, 2018

FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, November 28, 2018 — 1:30 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church

Marathon, Iowa

CLERGY

Pastor John Mayer

Nola Josephson

PIANIST

Eloise Obman

CONGREGATION HYMNS

“How Great Thou Art” P. 532

“Abide With Me” P. 372

“Just As I Am” P. 296

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Troy Robertson, Robert Anderson, David Anderson

Theron Rettig, Dakota Rettig

CASKET BEARERS

Dan Josephson, Jon Josephson, Shawn Rettig

Chris Rettig, Missy Loyet, Matt Loyet

INTERMENT

Poland Township Cemetery

Marathon, Iowa

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