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Norma Brinkley, age 88 of Plano, Iowa died Thursday, August 22, 2013 at the Continental Care Center, Seymour, Iowa.

Norma was born April 1, 1925 in rural Plano, Iowa the daughter of Robert D. and Elma F. Atwell. She married Herbert Brinkley August 30, 1941 in Princeton, Missouri along with Carl and Arlene Thompson in a double ceremony.

Early in her career she worked at Sylvania in Centerville, Iowa. In 1957 Norma began her career with the United States Postal Service by working on-call occasionally with Centerville, Seymour and Plano Post offices. Subsequently, she became Postmaster in Promise City, Iowa for twenty years, retiring in 2001. Furthermore, during her married life Norma farmed with her husband Herbert, both in the hay fields as well as milking cows.

Norma liked to bake cookies, especially snicker doodles, and also enjoyed making fudge, along with many other baked goods. She also enjoyed growing Job's tears beads and collecting numerous articles with the cardinal motif. She was a member of the GEG Club and took her mother to Wednesday Club. She was a lifetime member of the Plano Christian Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Carolyn (Greg) Lowe of Numa, Iowa; a grandson, Matt (special friend Stacey Woodyard) Lowe of Seymour; and a granddaughter, Ashley (J.R.) Glenn of Grinnell, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her husband Herbert; Parents; and a sister, Donna Davison.

Funeral Services will be held 10AM Monday, August 26, 2013 at Lange Funeral Home & Crematory in Centerville with Pastor Kay Singley officiating. Milton Albertson will sing and be accompanied by Mary Parker on piano. Friends may call all day Sunday with the family present from 6-8 PM at Lange's. Burial will be in the Crossroads Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Wendell DeVore, Dan Babbitt, JR Glenn Bob Montieth,



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Dan Glenn and Josh Wells. A memorial has been established to the Crossroads Cemetery and may be left or mailed to the Lange Funeral Home & Crematory, 1900 South 18th St, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be left at <http://www.langefh.com>.

Visitation

August 25, 2013 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Lange Funeral Home 1900 S. 18th St. Centerville, IA (641) 856-2000

Funeral Service

August 26, 2013 10:00 AM

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 12:41 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Norma and Herbert farmed in the area north of Plano where I grew up as a child. Her Mother Elma was a favorite neighbor of mine that was a short bicycle ride from the farm where I grew up. Elma made Lamb Birthday Cakes for family and neighborhood friends. Norma and Herbert visited Brushy Cemetery for Memorial Day decorating many times. They were always a pleasure to visit with over the years. When Norma was in the Centerville Mercy Hospital earlier this year, we had a very enjoyable conversation. All who knew her enjoyed the blessing of her life. Posted by Allan Curtis - Hanson, KY - Norma was a neighbor August 28, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry to hear of Norma's passing. She was such a lovely lady, and always so friendly. We always chatted whenever we met each other. I'll miss seeing her beautiful smile. Posted by Ron and Mitzi Valentine - Plano, IA - friends August 26, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Norma, such a special lady. Our thoughts & prayers are with Greg & Carolyn and all the family. Posted by Ted & Lora Shonts - Sheboygan, WI - Friend August 25, 2013

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Anonymous posted:

I don't have the long history with Norma that some do....but she was one of the most welcoming and positive people I have had the joy of knowing. I always walked away from a conversation with her, just feeling better about the day. She was so very proud of her family, and I would suggest her example of unconditional love, encouragement and wisdom helped shape each one of them in special ways.....Please know family that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Deb.... Posted by Deb Shubat - Centerville, IA - friends August 24, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Keep the Son shining between your ears. Love you, Norbert! Posted by Jim - Waukee, IA - Cousin August 23, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry to hear that Norma passed. She and your dad were so generous with their time and the Brinkley family photos when I traveled there from Oregon. We spent hours visiting, and your parents took us on a driving tour of the Brinkley family... places they lived, and the cemeteries they are buried in. They were a treasure. Your mom and I kept in touch all these years since. I'm sorry for your loss but I'm sure they're glad to be back together. Posted by Leslie Brinkley Lawson - Aloha, OR - dad's second cousin once removed August 23, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

There are so many good memories of Norma and our families, there isn't room for them all here, only in my heart. It was always fun to visit with Norma, she had so much knowledge of my grandparents that I never knew. Brinkley's were not only good neighbors, but they were family. Carolyn and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm sure our parents are up there watching over us and are at peace. I will miss you April Fool. Becky Posted by Becky - IA - neighbor and friend August 23, 2013

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Anonymous posted:

Carolyn and family, you have our deepest sympathy in the loss of your mother. I am sure she will be baking cookies in heaven. Dale and Roberta Posted by Dale and Roberta Weeks - IA - friend August 23, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

A Life long friend has gone home, now in peace and the loving arms of the father. Posted by Max Ervin - Centerville, IA - long time friend August 22, 2013

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