



Maxine Owen

August 26, 1927 - June 7, 2023

Maxine Owen, 95, passed peacefully on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 in Rocky Mount, NC. She was born in Casper, Wyoming, on August 26, 1927, then lived in Iowa's Hawarden and Ireton areas for 15 years. After graduating high school, Maxine studied at Lutheran Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa, training to be a registered nurse. She worked as a nurse and later as a nursing home administrator for 40 years until retiring in 1984. After obtaining her degree, she moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where she gave birth to three children. After 17 years in Oklahoma, she returned to the Sioux land area in 1965 to be near her parents. She retired in Salix, Iowa, where she lived until 1986, when she moved to Bozeman, Montana, to be near her son Michael. In 2015 she moved to Virginia Beach, Virginia, near her daughter Patti Jo. At the time of her death, she resided in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. As a single mother, she raised three children selflessly, often working double shifts as an RN to ensure they never went without or knew poverty. She never asked for or accepted a helping hand and exhibited extreme courage, devotion to her children, and stoicism facing many difficulties in her life. Born Maxine Eberly, she married Howard F. Owen on November 17, 1973, in Sioux City, Iowa. She was a Charter member of VFW Auxiliary Post 64 and DAV Auxiliary. Maxine was preceded in death by her parents, Cora and Fred Eberly, of Sioux City, Iowa, and brother Bill Eberly (Darlene, spouse) of Salina, Kansas. Her survivors are Michael P. Dougherty (Christine, spouse) of Bozeman, Montana, Thomas C. Dougherty (Mary, spouse) of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Patti Jo

Varner-Lane (Ervin, spouse), of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Her grandchildren are Elizabeth Gilje (Eric, spouse) and Colin Dougherty, who both reside in Bozeman; Anders Varner (Ashton, spouse) of Apex, North Carolina; and Calli Jo Padilla (Evan, spouse) of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The great-grandchildren are Soren and Lucas Gilje, Adelaide and Ansen Varner, and William and Henry Padilla.