

Maxine M. Bals

Maxine M. Bals died Friday, March 21, 2008, at Faith Regional Health Services West Campus in Norfolk.

Maxine was born on May 27, 1931, at Stanton, the daughter of Henry and Florence (Loske) Sohl. After her father died, she moved with her family to Madison where she attended school. She married Robert Bals on April 3, 1948, at St. Leonard's Catholic Church rectory. The couple farmed, and she worked at the Lutheran Hospital in Norfolk. They moved into Madison in 1969, and she then went to work for Dale Electronics until retiring after more than 25 years of employment there. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and the Women of ELCA.

She is survived by her husband Robert of Madison; their children and spouses, Gail and Monty Lee of Osceola, Debbie and Steven Murphy of Bellwood, Bob Bals of Madison; one son-in-law Duane Zessin of Madison; one sister Verda Fischer of Norfolk; 16 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter Carol Zessin and one brother Kenny Sohl.



*My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and
my portion forever.*

Psalm 73:26 NRSV

***Memorial Service Honoring the Life of
Maxine M. Bals***

Immanuel Lutheran Church
March 26, 2008

Madison, Nebraska
2:00 P.M.

**--Indication for the congregation to please stand
LBW indicates the Lutheran Book of Worship (Green Hymnal)*

Prelude

***Words of Consolation and Promise** LBW p. 206

***Processional Song** “Amazing Grace” by Elvis Presley

***The Liturgy of the Word** LBW p. 207

***Prayer** LBW p. 207

Reading of the Obituary Back Cover of Bulletin

A Reading from the Psalms Psalm 91

***A Reading from the Gospels** Mark 8:34-37

Sermon

Song “If I Had Only Known” by Reba McEntire

***The Apostles’ Creed** LBW p. 209

***The Prayers** LBW p. 209

Each petition will conclude with the words, God of Grace.

Congregation responds: Hear us, Lord.

***The Lord’s Prayer** LBW p. 211

Hymn LBW 532--“How Great Thou Art”

The Commendation LBW p. 211

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: In the name of Christ. Amen.

***Postlude**

Procession to Committal

*Committal will be held at Crown Hill Cemetery.
Please turn on the headlights of your vehicle as we process.*

*Following the committal, the family will return to the fellowship hall
in the basement of Immanuel for lunch and fellowship. Maxine’s
family appreciates your love, concern, and participation in
Maxine’s memorial service.*

Presiding Minister: Pastor Justin Wiese

Accompanist: Jo Lux