

When Grace was about 80 years old, she did not like it when people went to her Springs to steal the watercress. Grace took care of the watercress, and gathered it and sold it in Shakopee, include in the Red Owl store.

So when Grace saw people at the Springs gathering HER watercress, she was not happy. She would start swearing at the people. And Grace took out her pistol, held it out, and said, "Get off my land or you will be dead!"

And they left!

A few years later, Grace was feeling not so well. She ended up at Friendship Manor, which opened its doors to the public on May 1, 1965 as a 76-bed intermediate-care facility, accommodating people who needed minimal assistance. Grace was one of the first residents at the facility which is at 1340 3rd Avenue West in Shakopee.

Grace Faribault Manaige died at Friendship Manor in November of 1966.

She was buried at Valley Cemetery in Shakopee.



Grace Faribault Manaige tombstone at the Valley Cemetery in Shakopee.



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Grace Faribault Manaige

1875-1965

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Grace Faribault Manaige was the granddaughter of Oliver Faribault and Wakan Yanjke Win (or Woman Who Sits at the High Place). Grace was born at the parents' log cabin in East Shakopee, the same log cabin which is now in The Landing in Shakopee. Her parents were Charles A. Manaige and Pelagie Eliza Faribault.

Grace's parents, Pelagie Eliza Faribault Manaige and Charles A. Manaige had four children, two sons and two daughters. Isabelle was born in 1871, and married Harvey Randolph Leach in Des Moines, Iowa, and they had 9 children. Melvin was born in 1872, and died April 12, 1931. He married and lived in Brooklyn, New York. Eugene Curtis was born 1874, and died of tuberculosis in 1903. And the last child was Grace, who was born in 1876.



On left is Grace's parents, Charles A. Manaige and Pelagie Eliza Faribault. On right is the family at the Springs, which was down the hill from the Faribault Cabin in downtown Shakopee. Their were fish in the Springs, and family members used to catch and eat the fish, which were located down the hill, where three springs fed into the small stream. The springs kept the water at a constant temperature, winter or summer. Faribault Springs is still located near Memorial Park in Shakopee.



Grace grew up with her the siblings, Isabelle, Melvin, and Eugene Curtis. They attended public schools in Shakopee.

The family was poor, but they took care of each other, and enjoyed living together.

When Grace got older, she was planning to marry. But she took a train to South Dakota to be with her sister during the birth of Isabelle's child.

It was a difficult delivery, and the baby came breech, and couldn't be turned. In order to save Isabelle, the doctor cut off an extremity of the baby, and the baby died.

When Grace returned home, she broke off the engagement with the man she was to marry.

She said, "I would never go through that for a man!"

And so Grace stayed at the Faribault cabin, and helped cook and clean for the others who lived there.

Down the hill were three springs which feed into the small stream. The springs kept the water at a constant temperature. Faribault Springs had watercress, which the Faribault family used and sold to the people in Shakopee.

