



Lillian D. Peshek

September 4, 1926 - July 24, 2021

Lillian D. Peshek, 94, of Kearney, formerly of Fairfield, Nebraska, died Saturday, July 24, 2021 at the Mother Hull Home in Kearney NE. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, July 30th at 2:00p.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Glenvil, Nebraska. Rev. Patti Byrne will officiate. Burial will be at the Glenvil, Nebraska Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Memorials are suggested to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Lillian was born on Sept. 4, 1926, on the family farm in Spring Ranch, Nebraska, to George Jr. and Dora (Riese) Paus. A graduate of Glenvil High School. Lillian attended Hastings College and attained her elementary teaching accreditation. She taught in a one room schoolhouse at Spring Ranch just north of her home at the Pawnee Stock Farm.

It was at the Pawnee Stock Farm where she met her future husband Joe when he came by to haul a load of cattle for George Jr. to the Omaha Stockyards. Joe and Lillian were married on hot summer day on July 25, 1948. Lillian remembered the heat because she bought a wedding dress on sale meant for a fall or winter wedding.

Joe and Lillian purchased a farm west of Fairfield and began a life together. Through various attempts raising cattle and hogs, the purchase of a heard of Ayrshire dairy cattle proved to be a good fit; the family milked cows for 28 years. Lillian was an engaged farm wife working side-by-side with Joe milking cows, raising bottle calves, and hundreds of chickens, and was an able hand in the field driving her John Deere B tractor.

Lillian had a green thumb and could make a fantastic meal with just the resources on the farm. Family and friends enjoyed many meals with fresh produce and the best pies from the five sour cherry trees by the garden. Her family and friends will remember the aroma of baking bread, kolaches and dinner rolls from her farmhouse kitchen.

Lillian was baptized, confirmed, and married at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Glenvil. She taught Sunday school and summer vacation Bible school for a number of years. The verses and lessons provided to the children in her classes resonated with Lillian in her last years of life. Her deep faith provided strength during times of diminishing health, and fondly remembered the camaraderie of her lady's circle bible study and association with the Blue Bonnet's Extension Club.

After years of work building a life on the farm and raising her boys John, Lyle, and Craig, Joe and Lillian retired and traveled a great deal of the lower forty-eight states and Alaska. During the winter months the two spent time in LaFaria, Texas. During the "Snowbird" years Lillian made new friends from many different states and walks of life. The warm winters at the Kenwood RV Plaza gave Lillian a chance to relax, do some needle point, write letters, read books, and take the occasional dip in the park's pool and Jacuzzi. Lillian gave up her supper making duties during this time to the folks at Sizzler and Golden Corral taking full advantage of the early bird senior specials at 4:30 in the afternoon.

Lillian is survived by her three boys, Reverend John (Dee) Peshek of Alexandria, Minnesota, Lyle (Aileen) Peshek of Ocean Side, California, Craig (Jodi) Peshek of Kearney, Nebraska, six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Lillian was preceded in death by Joe, her husband of sixty-eight years; Alvin, her older brother; and younger sisters Darlene and Vera.

Cemetery Details

Glenvil Cemetery

Glenvil, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
403 Sturgis Street
Glenvil, NE 68941

Funeral Service

JUL 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lillian D. Peshek*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Lillian was a distant relative, as most of us from the Glenvil/Fairfield/Spring Ranch areas were. One of their farms was next to ours and I have many memories of visiting with Joe and Lillian while we were all out working, laying pipe, irrigating, harvesting, etc. Lillian was renowned in the community as a hard worker, an exceptional cook, always quick to smile, and she was, at some point in our lives, just about everyone's Sunday School teacher. She was a strong, beautiful person and we are all better for having known her.*

Michelle Ellermeier - July 30, 2021 at 07:52 PM



“ *Sending our condolences and extending our sympathy to Lillian's family on behalf of the Kearney State College (UNK) Beta Sigma Psi Lutheran men's fraternity, Xi Chapter. Larry Carmann, chapter president in 1970.*

Larry M. Carmann - July 30, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ *i have fond memories of Lillian. We were in Blue Bonnets together, and Ladies church circle. My family bought milk from their dairy when our kids were young. Lillian was a hard worker, and a dear lady. She was a joy to know.*

Diane Anstine - July 30, 2021 at 09:42 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lillian D. Peshek.



July 29, 2021 at 01:23 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Lillian D. Peshek.



July 29, 2021 at 12:52 PM



“ She always talked bout going down to Texas . I always looked forward to our talks . She was always in good spirits and was fun to listen to her stories . She will be truly missed .

misty - July 28, 2021 at 07:41 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lillian D. Peshek.



July 27, 2021 at 06:28 PM

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“ I write these words on behalf of my mother, Delores. Joe and Lillian were wonderful neighbors. Always smiling and laughing. They could make a difficult day into a bright and sunny day.

My family will always be indebted to your family for helping organize the corn harvesting when my dad was in the hospital. Joe working to organize the harvesting and Lillian organizing the lunch that was served. Thank you Joe and Lillian. Rest in peace. God has called you home to live together forever.

*Ron Merkel
Delores Merkel*

Ron Merkel - July 27, 2021 at 12:00 PM