



Nellie "Nell" M. Koepke

October 29, 1912 - November 7, 2017

Nellie "Nell" Koepke, age 105, of Kearney died Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at the Mother Hull Home in Kearney.

Funeral services will be Friday, November 10, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at the Horner-Lieske-McBride and Kuhl Funeral Chapel with Pastor Dean Pofahl officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral service. Burial will be Monday, November 13 at 1:00 p.m. at the Soldier Valley Cemetery in Pisgah, Iowa.

Memorials are planned to the Kearney Area Animal Shelter or to the Mother Hull Home. 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.

Nellie May (Bryceson) Koepke was born October 29, 1912, in Pisgah, Iowa, the second of four children born to Allen and Minnie C. "Christie" (Bryan) Bryceson. She spent her childhood in Pisgah and received her education there graduating from Pisgah High School in 1930.

It was when Nell went to work for a relative in Blue Hill, Nebraska, that she met and married Oscar Koepke. Their marriage took place in Blue Hill on April 1, 1934. They remained in Blue Hill, and it was there that their son was born. The family later moved to Kearney where they owned the O.K. Farm and

Motor Company. In 1956, they moved to Colorado residing in Boulder and later in Estes Park. In 1973, they moved to Pisgah, Iowa. Oscar died in 1979, but Nell remained in her Pisgah home until 1993 when she moved to Kearney to be near her son and granddaughters.

Nell will be remembered for her quick wit, her pencil skirts and high-heeled shoes, and her love for animals. She enjoyed cooking and sewing, and in retirement she travelled extensively with friends and relatives. In later life, she made many baby blankets which she enjoyed giving away, and she was proud that recipients included children in several foreign countries and all living First Ladies. She was a willing caregiver when a friend or relative was in need. She was a member of First Lutheran Church.

Nell is survived by her son, Gene and his wife Connie; two granddaughters and their husbands, Jennifer and Steve Homan and Christie and Ben Hirschfeld; five great granddaughters, Claire, Samantha, and Mia Homan, and Lillian and Ada Hirschfeld; two nieces and four nephews.

In addition to her husband, Nell was preceded in death by her parents; her stepmother, Millie Bryceson; brothers, James and wife Ilene and Harrison; sister, Frances Wakehouse and husband Ralph; sister-in-law, Letha Bachman and husband Harold; and brother-in-law, Gilbert Koepke and wife Dorothy.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 10. 3:00 AM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
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Visitation

NOV 10. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside

NOV 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

Solier Valley Cemetery
Pisgah, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Nellie "Nell" M. Koepke*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Gene: I did not have the pleasure of knowing her, but it sure sounds like she was a wonderful person. Blessings to you and the family at this time.*

-Lennis Sytsma of Brady/McCook/Kearney.

Lennis Sytsma - November 15, 2017 at 11:33 AM



“ *It was always nice to see Nell! The first time I met her was in Wal-Mart. We started talking in one isle and then just kept visiting in every isle we met up in. It was nice then that she was a patient in an office I started working in. She truly was an amazing Lady!*

Joni Brooks

Joni Brooks - November 13, 2017 at 05:07 PM



“ *Nell was my baptismal sponsor. She always remembered me in special ways when I was a youngster. Since my parents passed(Leonard and Margaret Dahms) I lost contact with many people. I will never forget Nell, such a special person to me. She was always fun to be with. My sincere condolences to the whole family.*

*Mary Dahms Connelly
49 Channing Drive
Ringwood, NJ, 07456*

Mary Connelly - November 13, 2017 at 01:16 PM



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Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services - November 10, 2017 at 04:07 PM



“ Nell use to come see us at Wells Fargo on 48th street. We all loved this wonderful women she always a smile and kind words. I have never seen a women at her age filled with so much class and grace.. She often shared stories about her blankets and who all she had sent them to! Amazing women!!

Tammy Sikes - November 10, 2017 at 01:38 PM

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“ Nell, will always be remembered as a bright and beautiful spirit who blessed us with sharing her faith in God, sense of humor, and love of fashion. She was generous and giving of her time to others. In her role in my life as my Godmother she will be remembered as a loving person and loyal follower of the Christian Church. God Rest Her Soul to be with the Lord in all Eternity. Cindy Peterson

Cindy Peterson - November 09, 2017 at 09:18 AM