



Mary E. Erickson

May 10, 2013

Mary Elizabeth Erickson, 90, of McPherson, Kansas, passed away at 6:00 p.m., Friday, May 10th, suddenly at her home. Mary Elizabeth Erickson, the daughter of Clarence and Helen Bernice (Brocher) Anderson, was born October 28, 1922 on her parent's farm, six miles west of Utica, Kansas on Highway 4. She was the second eldest of two sons and three daughters born to this union: Roy, Mary, Aleda, Harold, and Alberta. Growing up on a farm, Mary learned early on about the virtues of hard work and everyone pitching in and doing their share of the chores. She attended Pleasant Hill Grade School and graduated from Utica High School, Utica, Kansas. Mary was very proud that she played on the Utica varsity basketball team. She then continued her education attending and graduating from Salt City Business College, Hutchinson, Kansas. Following graduation, Mary started working as a secretary for the Nelson Supply Company and later for Hartmann Manufacturing, both of Hutchinson, Kansas. Mary moved to McPherson where she worked as a secretary for the National Cooperative Refinery Association. This is when she met the man of her dreams, Carl. Mary was united in marriage to Carl Julius "C.J." Erickson on November 6, 1949 at the First United Methodist Church, McPherson. The young couple established their first home on a farm northeast of McPherson and in October of 1956 moved to a farm north of McPherson. They moved to 940 Hulse in McPherson in 1989. They were faithful members of the New Gottland Lutheran Church where Mary had actively served on various church committees, women's groups, taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and in many other capacities. This union was blessed with four children, two daughters and two sons: Marlys, Sheryl, David, and Ron. Mary was a homemaker and she took great pride in providing for her family in this way. She encouraged her children to work hard, be honest and caring of others. She never sat still if there was work to do and always worked right along beside you. She was not one to sit still for very long or at least had to keep her hands busy. She also worked for McPherson College as a secretary. Mary was a longtime member of the Buzzing Bee's Club and volunteered at the Save-N-Share. Mary was a faithful Christian, loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, neighbor, and dear friend. Her wise counsel, guidance, and sense of humor will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her. Mary was very proud of her children and always wanted the best

for them. She was especially fond of her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, always looking forward to their visits and times they would share together. She loved working on her quilts for missions, gardening, working in the yard, watching and feeding the backyard birds, and watching Jeopardy. She also enjoyed playing games especially cards and she always played to win - why else play? Her family will dearly miss her cooking and baking, especially her molasses cookies, fried chicken, and her rhubarb pies. Mary Erickson, age 90, of McPherson, Kansas, passed away at 6:00 p.m., Friday, May 10, 2013 suddenly at her home. Mary was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Carl; sister Alberta Sherwin; and brother Roy Anderson. Surviving family members include her children, Marlys Elbert and her husband Bruce, of McPherson, Sheryl Fields and her husband Gary, of Las Vegas, Nevada, David Erickson, of Peabody, Kansas, and Ron Erickson, of McPherson; her brother, Harold Anderson, of Utica; her sister, Aleda Schreiber, of Lindsborg, Kansas; her brother-in-law, Warren Sherwin, of Great Bend, Kansas; ten grandchildren, Eli Elbert and wife Tammy, Tyler Elbert and wife Natalie, Erick Elbert, Ryan Fields and Laurie Ackerman, Donald Erickson and wife Darcy, Roger Erickson, Christina Hoffmeyer and her husband Brad, Gregory Erickson, Andrew Erickson and wife Lauren, and ElKee Erickson; ten great-grandchildren, Brayden Elbert, Zackery Elbert, Hailey Plett, Riley Baker, Jeremy Elbert, Jackson Erickson, Edson Hoffmeyer, Rhyker Fields, Kaidyn Welch, Brylie Ackerman, many nieces and nephews, relatives and friends. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 from 3 to 7 p.m. with family present from 5 to 7 p.m. at New Gottland Lutheran Church, rural McPherson, Kansas. The funeral service will be conducted by Reverend Harry Grinstad at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at the New Gottland Lutheran Church, rural McPherson, Kansas. Hymns # 856 "How Great Thou Art", # 787 "On Eagles Wings", and # 836 "Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee" will be sung by the congregation and accompanied by Dr. Steven Gustafson. The final resting place will be the New Gottland Lutheran Church Cemetery. CASKET BEARERS: Don Erickson, Eli Elbert, Roger Erickson, Christina Hoffmeyer, Greg Erickson, Tyler Elbert, Ryan Fields, Andy Erickson, ElKee Erickson, Erick Elbert, USHERS: Daryl Larson, Gary Patrick, Marvin Johnson. Memorials are suggested to the New Gottland Lutheran Church and can be sent in care of the Glidden - Ediger Funeral Home, 222 West Euclid Street, McPherson, Kansas 67460.

Comments



“ Sorry to hear about your loss. Please accept my condolences.

Tommy Gunn - March 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Andrew Guidry - March 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Ron, Elkee and Andy, Debra and I are very sorry to hear about your Mother and Grandmother. I know that you all are hurting from her sudden passing, but please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Hershel and Debra Stagner

Hershel Stagner, Jr. - March 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Ron and family, just saw your Moms passing when I was looking for info on Billy Abell. So sorry for your loss. Will be thinking of you at this tough time. The New Gottland area has lost 2 stalwarts in the community. We all lose so much history with the passing of this generation who saw it all! All my love and support to you, Elkee and Andy. Your long time friend Jon

Jon Jantz - March 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM