



June A. Sims

June 17, 1931 - October 14, 2012

Funeral services for June will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva. Family will greet friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are directed to the family for later designation.

June Augusta Sims, 81, of Bruning died Sunday, October 14, 2012, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, NE.

She was born June 17, 1931, in rural Bruning to Albert and Emma (Ahrens) Heinrichs.

On June 30, 1956, she married Charles William (Bill) Sims in Bruning. Her husband preceded her in death in December of 1978.

Survivors include her children, Billie Trew of Lompoc, CA; Michael Sims and his wife Lee, of San Antonio, TX; Steve Sims and his wife Karen of Burwell, NE; Mark Sims and his wife Jeanne of Kearney, NE; Gail Sims-Aubert and her husband Alan of Kearney, NE; Jessica Peppie-Gordin and her husband Randy of Hebron, NE; brother, Arnold Heinrichs of rural Bruning, NE; and sister-in-law, Roma Heinrichs of Shickley, NE. She also leaves behind nine grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and a host of special friends.

She was the youngest of five children. The Heinrichs family are long-time residents of rural Bruning, and this is where she received her education. In her

early 20s, she moved to Geneva, where she met her future husband or as she would say “her one and only love”. When first wed, she and Bill relocated as needed throughout southeast Nebraska to accommodate the needs of his position with the Burlington Northern Railroad. However, they ultimately chose to move their young family back to Bruning, where she would reside until her death.

June loved doing for others. Her family can remember many incidents of her taking in laundry for those in need, assisting with the extensive care of friends and was always ready to make any assortment of cookies, pies or salads when the need arose. She was also known for her work ethic, and was often heard saying, “You can’t work sitting on your hind end!” When June retired in her mid-60s, she soon started showing up at the Bruning Café to ‘help out’, which eventually worked itself into a full-time position, which she finally retired from at the age of 80. However, she still arrived each day for a cup of coffee, which actually meant she was there to wrap silverware or peel a big bucket of potatoes.

June enjoyed spending her days chatting with friends, playing cards and tending to her canaries. She will be remembered for her big smile and laugh, and for her frank answers. This proved to be a wicked combination that provided her children with much insight and many a giggle.

Shortly after birth, she was baptized into the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning where she remained a life-long member, and it was her faith that provided her with comfort during her final hours.

She was preceded in death by brothers Ernest Heinrichs and Ervin Heinrichs, and by her sister Esther Kennard.

The family appreciates the efforts of all the doctors, nurses and other staff at Thayer County Hospital and Good Samaritan Hospital for their tremendous life-saving efforts and extraordinary compassion in assisting with life’s most difficult decisions.

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“ I'm not sure if you all will remember our family, but we were neighbors for several years in Syracuse. We lived in the trailer court and your family lived 1/2 block away. Russell and Erna Martinson are my parents. We had the opportunity to visit with June on a couple of occasions and visited your father at the VA hospital. We played together often and have wonderful memories. We are so sorry for your loss and can identify with your loss. Mom died on July 15 this year from complications of congestive heart failure and alzheimers. Would love to hear from any of you! Sharon (Martinson) Davis

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