



Lillian M. Korbelyk

September 2, 1921 - January 17, 2013

Funeral services for Lillian will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Farmer & Son Funeral Home - Kotas Chapel in Milligan, Nebraska. Pastor Timothy Bullock will officiate the service. Burial will follow the funeral services in the Bohemian National Cemetery, Milligan, Nebraska.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 18, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with family present from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Farmer & Son Funeral Home - Kotas Chapel in Milligan.

Memorials are directed to the family.

Lillian Maxine Korbelyk was born to Edward Joseph Strauss and Sophia Kathryn (Pfungsten) Strauss on September 2, 1921, at Ohiowa, Nebraska, and passed away on January 17, 2013 at Midlands Hospital in Papillion, Nebraska at the age of 91 years, 4 months and 15 days. She was one of three children in the family. ?

Lillian attended school District 43, completing the 8th grade. She was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ohiowa. Growing up, she often helped neighbors by cooking and cleaning for them. She married her childhood neighbor and family friend, Joseph Korbelyk of Milligan, Nebraska on October 24, 1940. They enjoyed 59 years of marriage. Together they lived on various farms northeast of Ohiowa and had two children, Shirley and Gary. Lillian enjoyed raising chickens, ducks, and geese on the farm and helping Joe with the livestock and farming. She was a hard-working woman who enjoyed taking care of her family and friends. Lillian and Joe moved into Ohiowa in

1978, where they enjoyed the friendship of various neighbors and visits from their children and grandchildren. In 2005, Lillian moved to Geneva to enjoy the conveniences that the city had to offer.

Lillian was an avid baker and talented cook. She was widely known for her famous kolaches, which she would sell at the Farmer's Market in Geneva. According to her records, she made 23,397 kolaches between 1992-1999! Even though she was diabetic, she always enjoyed her sweets-especially ice cream. She also enjoyed crocheting, cross-stitching, canning, gardening, and most of all, polka dancing. Lillian could often be caught tapping her toe to polka music in the kitchen. She never missed the Big Joe Polka Show on Saturday nights. Lillian's last polka dance was on her 90th birthday party in Milligan, dancing to the music of the Moonliter's-Randy Korbely's polka band. Lillian was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Sophia Strauss; her brother, Earl Strauss; husband, Joseph Henry Korbely; and granddaughter, Jamie Lea Korbely-Gibson.

She is survived by her sister, Birdeen Grote of Harvard; daughter, Shirley Simmonds and husband Jim of Papillion; son, Gary Korbely and wife Daria of Grand Island; grandchildren, Chad Gernstein of Naples, Florida; Brandon Korbely of Geneva; Wendy Grojean of Omaha; Jessica Korbely of Lincoln; Dawn Darrell of Omaha; Brett Simmonds of Omaha; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Tribute Wall

FK

“ *Husband Frank is Emil Korbelik's son. Sorry to hear of your loss and our prayers are with your family Frank's wife Mary*

frank L Korbelik - February 01, 2013 at 08:52 AM

RB

“ *Shirley, Gary and family, I am so sorry to hear of Lillian's passing. She was a special lady and I enjoyed knowing her. I was lucky enough to enjoy her wonderful kolaches that you mentioned in her obituary. She was a generous lady!*

Rene' Barney - January 20, 2013 at 01:55 PM

SK

“ *I wish with all my heart that I could be you with yesterday and today to share in commemorating Lillian's life. I cherish the memories of staying on Lillian and Joe's farm during part of the summer of my 16th yr. I had been sent to Nebraska in disgrace for dating an undesirable boy. I really had a great time! And I dumped the boy when I returned home. Lillian and Joe will always be a part of me.*

Sandra Korbelik - January 19, 2013 at 12:22 PM

JW

“ *Shirley, Gary, and families, I am so very sorry to hear of your mothers passing. What a wonderful lady! I have so many fond memories of her, she will truly be missed!*

Jan Wood - January 18, 2013 at 12:58 PM

LS

“ Shirley, Gary and families, So sorry to hear the loss of your mother. What a great neat lady she was. She will be deeply missed.

Lisa Stofer - January 17, 2013 at 08:48 PM

ME

“ We are so sorry to hear about Lillian, she was a fantastic lady... who was a great friend. We will miss her, but she will forever live in the hearts of everyone who knew her. With Sympathy & Love,

Mark, Sarah, Brandon & Ethan - January 17, 2013 at 02:54 PM