



Elvera L. Petrich

February 12, 1916 - May 4, 2008

Elvera Lenore Petrich, 92 year old resident the past two years at the Lutheran Care Center, passed away May 4, 2008 as a result of stroke suffered April 26, 2008. She was born February 12, 1916 in New Germany, MN; Hollywood Township, Carver County to the late Gustav and Elizabeth Venske. When Elvera was a young girl the family moved to Lester Prairie, MN where she attended parochial school until age ten. They then moved to farms in Clough Township and rural Randall, MN. As a teenager she worked for her aunt and uncle in Young America. Elvera was united in marriage May 22, 1934 to William Petrich at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Randall, MN. The couple farmed in Darling Township until Bill died March 17, 1966. After her husband's death Elvera moved to Randall, MN. She had various jobs including, Crestliner Boats, Pine Edge Inn (baker), cook at Nelson Hall, Camp Ripley, cook at Randall Café, and then for ten years she was lead cook at Randall School from which she retired in February of 1981. Elvera will always be remembered as an exceptional cook and baker. She enjoyed and spent many hours crocheting, quilting, needlepoint, and embroidery. She was always busy with at least one sewing project. Elvera also loved chickens and cats. Elvera was life-long member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Elvera is survived by children, Marlene Ritzer of Stillwater, MN, Gordon (Jeanette) Petrich of Randall, MN, William 'Gary' (Carol) Petrich of Cottage Grove, MN, Donald (Glenda) Petrich of Little Falls, MN, and Robert (Nancy) Petrich of Cleveland, MN; Seventeen Grandchildren, Thirty Three Great

Grandchildren, and one Great-Great Grandchild; brothers, Melfred Venske of Little Falls, MN and Marvin (Pat) Venske of Randall, MN; sisters, Viola Sanders of Stillwater, MN, Donna (Lee) Hain of Worthington, MN, and Betty (John) Peterson of Andover, MN; many nieces and nephews, special godchild Janice Lundgren; sisters-in-law, Ruth Petrich and Rita Venske both of Randall, MN; and brother-in-law, Edward Woodworth of Oregon, WI.

Elvera is preceded in death by parents, Gustav and Elizabeth Venske; husband, Bill Petrich; daughter, Margaret Lawrence; sisters, Doris Anderson, Ila Woodworth; brothers, Virgil, Vernon, Curtis, and Myron Venske; son-in-law, Robert Ritzer and Robert Lawrence.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls
214 2nd Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Elvera L. Petrich*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - May 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Elvera L. Petrich*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ I have such wonderful memories of Aunt Elvera. When I was a child, Dad would take Ronnie, Linda and I to the farm on Sunday evenings. Vera would be sitting in a comfortable chair in the living room next to the oil burner. It always seemed so cozy to me in there. She would always be working a a sewing project. When Dad and Bill came in to the house from outside, we would have "lunch."

I am so glad that I recently visited Vera and Melfred at the Lutheran Home. When Elvera saw me, she knew me immediately! We reminisced about the past and she told me about her great-grandchildren and what they are doing. We talked about the fact that we shared the same birthday.

We are blessed to have known Elvera and to have her as part of our family. Steve and I extend our sympathy to Marlene, Gordy, Gary, Don, and Bob, their spouses, their children, and their children's families.

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May 08, 2008 at 10:17 PM



“ We are sorry to hear about the passing of our Tante Vera. Our sympathy to her children grandchildren, great grandchildren. May your broken hearts be filled with Peace this day.
Linda and Bob###imported-begin##Linda Mueller###imported-end##

May 05, 2008 at 08:39 AM