



Evelyn M. Kraska

March 23, 1928 - February 5, 2015

Evelyn M. Kraska, 86 year old resident of Swanville, MN, passed away on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at the Long Prairie Nursing Home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at St. John's Catholic Church in Swanville, MN with Father Ronald Dockendorf officiating. Burial will be at the Sacred Heart Parish Cemetery in Flensburg, MN. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 PM on Monday at St. John's Catholic Church in Swanville and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the church. Parish Prayers will be prayed at 6 pm. on Monday.

Evelyn was born March 23, 1928, at home in Morrison County, to the late Ida Mae and Frank Lincoln Hanson. She graduated from Swanville High School in 1946. After high school she moved to the cities and worked as a housekeeper and nanny. She then worked for several years at Honeywell and Munsingwear. She would hop on the train and street cars to get to work and go shopping. Her fondest memory of that time was running around the cities with her best friend, Marjorie. She was united in marriage to William "Willie" Victor Kraska on August 2, 1953 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Flensburg. They made their home on the family farm in Culdrum Township. Early in their marriage they enjoyed ice fishing together and they also spent a good deal of time at the Pillsbury Ballroom dancing the night away. Always Willie's right hand woman, she farmed along side him and, for many years, she ran the farm by herself and raised the children while Willie worked off the

farm. She was a very detailed person and took care of the farm bookkeeping. She volunteered at 4-H when her children were young, belonged to the Ladies Auxiliary, and volunteered at the Auxiliary food booth at the Swanville Carnival. After Willie's death in 1978, she sold the farm to her son and moved ¼ mile up the road. She continued to help with the farm for the next 25 years and especially enjoyed driving the tractor for her son. Her passion for the land was evident even after moving off of the farm, as she never allowed any weeds to grow on her well manicured lawn. She had a "hate/love" relationship with her lawnmower. She would get so mad when it didn't mow each blade of grass the same height. All through the years, her main priorities were her husband and family. She made many sacrifices to keep the family farm going and to spend as much time as possible with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ida Mae and Frank, husband William "Willie", and brothers Roy, Frank, Walter, Earl, Howard, Glen; and sisters Violet Steffen and Grace "Rose" Sadlovsky.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Suzette (John) Dulas of Verndale, Karen (Jeff) Berner of Andover, Frank (Lori) Kraska of Swanville, and Lynn (Jim) Barthel of Swanville; 13 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Casketbearers were her nephews, Dale Hanson, Larry Hanson; and grandsons, Josh Kraska, Daniel Barthel, Keith Kraska, and Steve Johannes.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Parish Cemetery - Flensburg

18 Pine Street
Flensburg, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **9**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church - Swanville
12 First Street
Swanville, MN

Visitation

FEB **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

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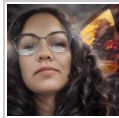
Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Evelyn M. Kraska*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - February 06, 2015 at 05:06 PM



She was so, lovely... I will miss her laugh :)

Cristal Ratliff - February 07, 2015 at 09:08 AM



She was so pretty. .. I will miss her. I miss being on the farm with them.

Viola Hanson. Neice - February 08, 2015 at 03:43 PM



R I P Eleven Kraska

Ed Taylor - February 08, 2015 at 04:42 PM



“ *Evelyn M. Kraska*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

JH

“ *Rest in Peace*



Jennifer (Kraska) Hagen - February 09, 2015 at 05:35 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - February 09, 2015 at 01:04 PM

LD

“ *Lynn Duxbury lit a candle in memory of Evelyn M. Kraska*



Lynn Duxbury - February 09, 2015 at 09:23 AM

TA

“ *Watching the video tribute brought back many memories. I will always remember Evelyn's sparkling eyes and bright smile. And though I was young, I still remember the teasing and laughter when she and her brothers and sisters were together at my Grandma Violet's home. God bless her memory always. ~~ Terri (Steffen) Anderson*

Terri (Steffen) Anderson - February 08, 2015 at 09:08 PM

KS

“ Keith And Karen Steffen lit a candle in memory of Evelyn M. Kraska



Keith and Karen Steffen - February 08, 2015 at 06:57 PM

KS

Always happy and smiling, she will be greatly missed.

Keith and Karen Steffen - February 08, 2015 at 06:59 PM



“ Ed Taylor lit a candle in memory of Evelyn M. Kraska



Ed Taylor - February 08, 2015 at 04:39 PM

VN

“ Viola Hanson. Neice lit a candle in memory of Evelyn M. Kraska



Viola Hanson. Neice - February 08, 2015 at 03:49 PM

JR

“ Jeff & Kim Ritter lit a candle in memory of Evelyn M. Kraska



Jeff & Kim Ritter - February 08, 2015 at 07:16 AM



“ Jennifer Johannes Bristlin lit a candle in memory of Evelyn M. Kraska



Jennifer Johannes Bristlin - February 06, 2015 at 10:57 PM

FK

“ Frank And Lori Kraska lit a candle in memory of Evelyn M. Kraska



Frank and Lori Kraska - February 06, 2015 at 08:47 PM

KG

“ Kathryn Gessell lit a candle in memory of Evelyn M. Kraska



kathryn gessell - February 06, 2015 at 06:45 PM

KG

Condolences to Evelyn's family. Love the video. I remember all you guys like that. Doesn't seem that long ago. Thoughts and prayers.

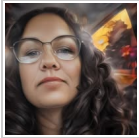
kathryn gessell - February 06, 2015 at 06:58 PM



“ *Cristal Ratliff lit a candle in memory of Evelyn M. Kraska*



Cristal Ratliff - February 06, 2015 at 05:02 PM



“ *I remember Jaxson taking his first steps when we were visiting her at the trailer. Grandma was so blessed to have had so, many grand children and great grandchildren!*

Cristal Ratliff - February 06, 2015 at 05:01 PM

LA

“ *I remember having loads of fun at Willie and Evelyn's farm, back when we were all young, with Karen and the rest of the family. May she rest in peace. Leah*

Leah Ahrens - February 05, 2015 at 11:52 AM