



## Florence Happke

January 8, 1915 - November 26, 2012

Florence Happke 97 year-old resident of Pierz, MN passed away Monday, November 26, 2012 at Meadow Ponds Assisted Living in Pierz, MN. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz, MN with Father Kenneth Popp officiating. Burial will be take place in St. Mathias Parish Cemetery in St. Mathias, MN. Friends may call from 9-10:30 A.M. on Saturday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz, MN. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley-Virnig Funeral Chapel in Pierz, MN.

Florence was born on January 8, 1915 in Brainerd, MN to the late Elmer and Laura (Bock) Tollefson. She grew up and attended school in the Brainerd area. After graduation Florence attended St. Cloud Teachers College where she obtained her teachers certificate. She was united in marriage to Emil Bossus on June 18, 1935 in St. Mathias, MN and was later united in marriage to George Happke on June 9, 1962 at St. Francis Catholic Church in Brainerd, MN. Florence worked all her life as a teacher, mostly teaching 4th grade in Brainerd, Baxter, St. Mathias, and St. Joseph's Catholic School in Pierz, MN. In her spare time she enjoyed gardening, reading, and was a wonderful writer of letters and poems, always with beautiful penmanship. Florence loved entertaining friends and family and her table and home was always decorated with class. She never judged or had a bad word to say about anyone. Florence was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz, and a member of the Christian Mothers.

Florence is survived by children, Bob (Shirley) Happke of Pierz, MN, Alvin Happke of Mahtomedi, MN, Sylvia Kruschek of Little Falls, MN, Renee (Larry) Litke of Harding, MN, David (Jean) Happke of Park Rapids, MN, Marie (Marn) Flicker of Grand Rapids, MN, and Bea (Collin) Gau of St. Cloud, MN; son-in-law, Edward Bohrer of St. Paul, MN; siblings, Dorothy Medick of Omaha, NE, Edith (George) Hendricks of Champaign, IL, and Don (Joan) Tollefson of Brainerd, MN; 29 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Florence was preceded in death by, husbands, Emil Bossus and George Happke; daughter, Barbara Bohrer; brothers, Bob Tollefson, Mervin 'Bud' Tollefson, and Raymond Tollefson; grandchildren, Brandon Happke, Barbara McGreevy, and Edward Bohrer Jr.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 1. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
68 North Main Street  
Pierz, MN

## Service

DEC 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Pierz, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ Florence Happke

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ Stellar work there evyrenoe. I'll keep on reading.##imported-begin##Bella##imported-end##

January 03, 2013 at 05:06 PM



“ Mrs. Happke - That's the name I knew you by - You were truly one of the most beautiful teachers I had. You were the first lay-teacher I had. I loved learning from you and you were always so sweet. You never forgot who I was and when I made it for Homecoming Queen, you clipped the announcement from the local paper and sent it to me. You remembered me that many years later. What a thoughtful gesture.  
I picture Our Heavenly Father smiling at you when He brought you home and I'm certain He said "Well done my good and faithful servant."  
You touched my life in a very special way and I thank you for that. You will be forever in my memory!  
~barbara kasper scholl##imported-begin##Barb Scholl##imported-end##

December 06, 2012 at 11:27 PM



“ Mom,  
We had your celebration of life today and I think you would have loved it. So many people came to pay their respects to you and you looked so beautiful. I miss you so much already but I am so grateful you came into my life. I hope you are dancing with my Dad & Emil too.  
Love you forever, Bea###imported-begin###Bea###imported-end##

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December 01, 2012 at 08:06 PM



“ Grandma Florence, you touched our lives in so many ways, how do we find the words to express them all... from the learning lessons that you taught each of us, to the fried potatoes on the stove, the great expression of self we learned from your writing, the blessed devotion to family and friends, your great kindness and love, showed in everything you did for, and with, each one of us! You are a treasure that will be held forever, in our hearts!###imported-begin###The Robert Happke grandchildren and great grandchildren###imported-end##

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December 01, 2012 at 09:44 AM



“ Bob and Shirley. We are so sorry to learn of your mothers' death. Bill and Elaine Goergen Dorsett###imported-begin###Bill and Elaine Dorsett, Efland, NC###imported-end##

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November 30, 2012 at 03:04 PM



“ Gram: I love you so much. You mean the world to me and to so many others. It is truly amazing how far and wide your love has spread. Although there is a hole in my heart to fill, I am comforted that you are in the arms of Jesus along with many that have gone before you. I love you. Steve###imported-begin###Steve Bohrer###imported-end###

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November 29, 2012 at 09:45 AM



“ I worked with Flo at Meadow Ponds for the last couple of years..She was such an sweet lady. She always had a smile for everyone or something sweet to say. We loved her to pieces, she will be missed. May she rest in peace. Sending my thoughts and prayers to the family.###imported-begin###Katie Seppelt###imported-end###

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November 28, 2012 at 12:58 PM



“ You will be missed, Grandma. May your rest in peace.###imported-begin###Jay Flicker###imported-end###

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November 28, 2012 at 05:21 AM