



Julia A. Vavra

September 30, 1920 - March 9, 2009

Julia A. Vavra, 88 year old resident of rural Long Prairie, MN passed away Monday, March 9, 2009 at her daughters home in rural Long Prairie. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, March 12th at St. John's Catholic Church in Swanville, MN with Father Ronald Dockendorf officiating. Burial will be at Bearhead Cemetery in Pillsbury, MN. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 PM on Wednesday at St. John's Catholic Church in Swanville and from 9:30 to 10:30 AM on Thursday at the church. Christian Mothers Rosary will be prayed at 5:30 PM followed by Parish Prayers at 7 PM on Wednesday evening at the church.

Julie A. Vavra was born on September 30, 1920 in Pike Creek Township, Morrison County, Minnesota to the late Leo & Mary (Skochenski) Yanta. She grew up in the Flensburg area and attended country school in the Pike Creek. Julia was a nanny for several years before she was united in marriage to Elmer E. Vavra Sr. on April 10, 1945 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Flensburg, MN. The couple farmed in Bruce Township, Todd County. Julia enjoyed gardening, quilting, embroidering, word finds, yahtzee, canning, puzzles, bingo and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Julia is survived by her daughter, Karen Hoelker (Don) of Long Prairie, MN; son, Elmer Vavra Jr. (Dianne) of Long Prairie, MN; brothers, Peter Yanta, Paul Yanta, and Leo Yanta Jr. (Pat); sister, Lucille Waldoch and Rose Mary Rodeski (Stanley); ; sister-in law Kendra Yanta and brother-in law, Ed Waldoch; four

grandchildren, Alan Vavra (Kathi), John Vavra (Jen), Melissa Klose (Wayne) and Tama Larson (Dan); 10 great-grandchildren. Julia is preceded in death by her parents, Leo & Mary Yanta; husband, Elmer Vavra Sr.; brothers, Stanley (Doc) Yanta and Martin Yanta; sisters, Dorothy Stodolka and Deloris Waldoch; and two infant siblings. Honorary Pallbearer will be John Vavra. Active Pallbearers will be Alan Vavra, Dustin Klose, Dan Larson, Wayne Klose, Tony Klose and Alexander Vavra.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

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MAR 12. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Service

MAR 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Julia A. Vavra



Lemieur Funeral Homes - March 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Julia A. Vavra

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ We are very sorry for your loss of Judy. Every time we came home to Minnesota, we called her and went out the farm. Then we took her with us on our adventures to the carnival or Senior center and visited with everyone. I remember the day Elmer married Judy and I was a bridesmaid for her. It was wonderful to have her in the family. Always warm, always loving, we will miss her very much. She was a big part of our trips home. You are in our hearts with love and prayers. Marge, Irene, and Evie##imported-begin##Evie, Irene, & Marge##imported-end##

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“ We're very saddened at your loss and send our prayers and sympathy to you all. Auntie Judy was a sweet lady and she will be sorely missed by everyone who knew her. Like our other cousins from Seattle, my sister Judy and I have fond memories of our rare summer visits to the farm. We enjoyed the picnics and driving from place to place at night during those famous Minnesota thunderstorms. Exciting times and happy ones, too. May your own happy memories bring you comfort in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Barbara & Deem Benep##imported-end##

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“ Like the rest of the cousins from the Seattle area, I have great childhood memories of Aunt Judy and Uncle Elmer. It was so exciting to be on the farm....standing on the fence of the pig pen feeding corn from the corncrib, gathering eggs. Those everyday things were wonders to a little city girl. It has been a very long time since seeing Aunt Judy and our family there, but we think of you often and now are sending love and prayers to you all.
With love,
Joyce and Family##imported-begin##Joyce and Ken Ruth and Julianne##imported-end##

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“ HELLO, Very sorry to hear this news. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I carry with me many fond memories from my childhood trips back to Minnesota with Aunt Judy and Uncle Elmer. Im living in Ohio now with my family. I will be in touch soon. Love
Glen##imported-begin##GLEN ARNESON##imported-end##

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you
*Bonny& Denny##imported-begin##Bonny& Denny
Marcyes##imported-end##*

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