



Martha E. Koester

March 28, 1932 - December 17, 2010

Martha E. Koester, 78 year old resident of Swanville, MN passed away Friday, December 17, 2010 from complications due to bypass surgery at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, MN. Funeral service will be held at 11 A.M. on Wednesday, December 22, 2010 at First Lutheran Church in Little Falls, MN with Rev. David Sperstad and Rev. Roland Jennings officiating. Burial will take place in St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery in Swanville, MN. Friends may call from 4-8 P.M. on Tuesday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls and from 10-11 A.M. on Wednesday at First Lutheran Church. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Martha was born on March 28, 1932 in Dickey, ND to the late Isadore & Katherine (Mons) Martin. She grew up and attended school in St. Mathias, MN. Martha worked as a waitress for many years in Brainerd, at Hal and Roses in Swanville and last at the Royal Café in Little Falls. In 1951 she met her husband Earl Koester at a dance in Sleepy Hollow. The couple courted for sometime until they were united in marriage on August 21, 1952 in Brainerd, MN. Martha and Earl had a true farm wedding and had their wedding dance at the Falls Ballroom. Later in life Martha worked at the Swanville Public School as the Assistant Cook for 13 years. She also provided day care for the neighbor kids for 15 years. Martha was an energetic woman who enjoyed canning, gardening, baking, dancing and was a very tricky card player. She will be remembered and was very proud of her delicious apple

pies and Christmas cookies. Martha was deeply loved and will be greatly missed. Left to cherish her memory, husband of 58 years, Earl Koester of Swanville, MN; daughters, Nona (Tom) of Swanville, MN, and Karen Koester of Maple Grove, MN; grandchildren, Sara (fiance Ryan Keillor) Kliber of Minneapolis, MN, Ryan Kliber of Swanville, MN; extended grandchildren, Annie, Herman, Cassie, and Tracy DeFrance; sisters, Catherine Betes of Brainerd, MN, Anne (Bob) Phillips of Minneapolis, MN; special friends, Sandy & Bob Holig of Swanville, MN along with many other close family and friends. Martha was preceded in death by, infant daughter, Linda; parents; brothers, Don, Morris and Cal Martin; sisters, Pauline Tautges, Georgina Loney, Mary Hennager, and Dorothy Christianson.

Casketbearers: Ryan Kliber, Ryan Keillor, Tom DeFrance, Robert Holig, Kelly Peterson, Billy Tautges.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

DEC **22.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church - Little Falls
2100 Riverview Drive
Little Falls, MN

Service

DEC **22.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Martha E. Koester*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - December 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Martha E. Koester*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Nona and family,
I am so sorry to hear about your mom. I know how much you loved her and the fun you had together. Just remember she is the lucky one, she gets to spend Chridtmas with Jesus this year. What joy she nyst be experiencing. We can only imagine. Take comfort in knowing that she is in a better place. Isn't that what we strive for in our earthly lives? May she rest in the peace of Christ.
Sheila###imported-begin###Sheila Gardner###imported-end###*

December 21, 2010 at 08:53 AM



“ I can't tell you how much we'll miss Martha! Growing up as neighbors was such a joy, and your family was part of our family! I always loved coming over to visit - she holds a very special place in my heart! Love, Jo Jo###imported-begin##Jo Jo###imported-end##

December 20, 2010 at 02:41 PM



“ Earl, Nona, Karen, Sara & family -
I have such great childhood memories of Martha & her infamous garage sales - she was so good to us & letting us pick our favorite "treasures" from the loot before anyone else! And even now, when I'd come back to visit, she'd always have a hug & smile & share a good laugh with me. She was a true gem and will be missed.###imported-begin##Sam Stanton (Loven)###imported-end##

December 20, 2010 at 12:15 PM



“ Karen and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Remember all the great laughs you had with your Mom, they will get you through this. Again thinking of you. shuk###imported-begin##Joan Helvik###imported-end##

December 19, 2010 at 07:27 PM



“ Earl, Nona, Karen and other family members, I was deeply saddened to hear of Martha's passing. I am so grateful for the shared memories of being sisters and growing up together. I will miss her so much. Her phone conversations meant alot to me. Bless you Martha###imported-begin##Anne Phillips###imported-end##

December 19, 2010 at 04:55 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear of your loss she was a great lady*##imported-begin##*Mike Hanson*##imported-end##

December 18, 2010 at 09:36 PM