



Lila Mae Mertens

June 15, 1938 - March 7, 2023

Lila Mae Mertens, 84, of Grand Island passed away on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 AM on Monday, March 13th at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Grand Island. Fr. Marty Egging will officiate. Burial will follow at 2:30 PM at the Nelson Cemetery. A visitation will be held on Sunday evening from 4 to 6 PM at the church with the vigil services beginning at 6 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Lila Mae Mertens was born on June 15, 1938 in Guide Rock, NE to Charles and Fern (Kent) Seefeld. She grew up in rural Webster County on the family farm and received her education from Nelson High School.

On October 22, 1960, she was united in marriage with Joseph Mertens at St. Stephen's Catholic Church of Lawrence. To this union, they were blessed with three daughters, Maria, Betty, and Mary.

Lila was employed by Norden Pharmaceutical, in Lincoln, where she worked with animal medicine before becoming a full-time farm wife. She prided herself on being a farmer's wife and always kept busy. Lila was known throughout the county for her homemade pies to which the recipes were kept safe in her memory. Lila was also known as the "Egg Lady" and could be found delivering eggs every other week in Superior.

Aside from baking, Lila had many other enjoyments including, gardening,

canning, sewing, and making her children's clothes. She planted a big garden every year and really enjoyed flowers. She was a Brownies leader and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Nelson where she taught Catechism and helped with the Alter Society.

Those left to cherish her memory include: her children, Maria (David) Pitfield-Perry of Morgan, MN, Betty (Kyle) Holen of Grand Island, and Mary (Rick) Albro of Ridgecrest, CA; grandchildren, Sydney (Richard) Lidstrom, Nick (Kristine) Hatreiter, Jessica (Austin) Libke, Trevor Holen, Meghan Albro; great-grandchildren, Reise, Ember & Quinn Lidstrom, and Gabriel & Thea Nelson; brother Joseph Seefeld of Omaha.

Lila was preceded in death by her husband, parents, her 4 sisters, Norma Greisner, Viola Remmerreid, Virginia and Betty June; and brothers, Myrl, Homer, Robert, and John.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
518 W State St
Grand Island, NE 68801-3552
(308) 384-0532

Vigil Service

MAR 12. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

MAR 13. 2:30 PM.

Nelson Cemetery
Nelson, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Lila Mae Mertens*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lila Mae Mertens.*



March 10, 2023 at 01:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lila Mae Mertens.*



March 10, 2023 at 12:11 PM



“ *Last year I made a special trip to GI to see Lila and I'm glad I did. She remembered me right away but thought she was still on the farm and Joe and Herman were out farming. Lila was as gracious and thoughtful as ever.*

Mike Daniel - March 09, 2023 at 03:36 PM

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“ I remember her rhubarb pie,I loved it. Aunt Lila was the sweetest. I remember visiting their farm and having to use an outhouse. Thought it was pretty cool being a city girl

Cheri (what she always called me) LeFort - March 09, 2023 at 11:19 AM

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“ Tonya Yates lit a candle in memory of Lila Mertens



Tonya M Yates - March 08, 2023 at 08:30 PM

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“ One of my greatest childhood memories are coming to the farm every year in the summer time with mother (Virginia) and daddy (Glen).

Tonya M Yates - March 08, 2023 at 08:29 PM

MA

And we remember you liked the bull with the bloody eye. We enjoyed your visits

Maria - March 11, 2023 at 06:11 PM