



Catherine Louise Stenglein

May 2, 1917 - January 20, 2010

Catherine Louise (Christiansen) Stenglein was born in the family home on May 2, 1917 in Millard, Nebraska to Sam and Susie (Schneider) Christiansen. She grew up on the family farm near Millard where she attended country school and graduated from Elkhorn High School in 1934.

Catherine married Jack Stenglein on December 31, 1939 and they were blessed with two children: Suzanne and Jim. Catherine and Jack have always made their home on the Stenglein family farm, first in the small house they built and later they moved into the big house when Grandma Carrie Stenglein moved to the small house.

Catherine was homemaker and farm wife and an especially good cook. She tended her flower gardens especially her iris; and she enjoyed taking care of her chickens. She also enjoyed ceramics. She and Jack enjoyed traveling, especially cruises and over the road in their camper; they liked to play cards and they danced the night away many times at the Starlight Ballroom. Catherine enjoyed camping if she could get Jack to stay away from home long enough to get unpacked. Catherine was a compassionate, nurturing woman who loved all children, especially her grandchildren.

Outside the home, Catherine belonged to the Waterloo Presbyterian Ladies Aid for 20 years, and she enjoyed meeting with a Bonco Club once a month.

Catherine passed away on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at the Life Care Center of Elkhorn at the age of 92 years, 8 months and 18 days. She was preceded in death by her parents Sam and Susie, husband Jack, son Jim, siblings Samuel Christiansen and Clara Jungbluth, grandson Jack Rittenhouse, and great grandson Garret Rittenhouse. Catherine is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Suzanne and Gary Rittenhouse of Waterloo, Nebraska; daughter-in-law Linda Stenglein of Temple, Texas; granddaughters: Cami Reardon and her husband John, Jodi Stenglein and Brooke Martinez and her husband John; great grandchildren: Chelsea and Kevin Reardon and Graci Rittenhouse; and great great grandson: Jacob James Reardon; sister-in-law Lucille Christiansen of Waterloo, Nebraska; aunt Marie Trowbridge of Waterloo, Nebraska and many nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall



“ *Catherine Louise Stenglein*

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“ *Although we have never met, I wanted to offer my deepest sympathies. You can turn to the Holy Scriptures for help. For Psalms 34:18 assures us that God is near to those broken at heart and saves those crushed in spirit. He will certainly comfort your heart.*

Mrs Ford - January 23, 2010 at 10:10 AM