



## Lillian Iris Venteicher

July 27, 1935 - February 10, 2011

Lillian Iris Leonard Venteicher (Tex) was born on July 27, 1935 in Ruliss, Texas to Dempsey and Lula (Perkins) Leonard. She grew up near Deweyville, Texas where she attended grade school and graduated from high school in 1953. As a young girl, Lillian experienced a hard life. Her mother passed away when she was 3 years old and her family struggled during those difficult times. One bright spot for Lillian was basketball. After her schooling, she enlisted in the United States Army. Her time was spent stateside, but she also participated in basketball, scoring 45 points in one game.

Lillian married Leo Venteicher (Van) on December 28, 1954 at the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, DC and to this union seven children were born: Christina, Deborah, Sharon, Diana, Leo, Jr., Dale and Stephen. Lillian and Leo have raised their family in Washington, DC, Carter Lake, Omaha, Bennington for 23 years and back to Omaha for the last 15 years.

Lillian first and foremost was a loving wife and mother. In addition she always worked to help her family at home as a beautician, for First Data, Western Electric and Grey Hound. She was a devoted member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Elkhorn, American Legion Post #266 in Bennington and 8 and 40. Lillian enjoyed bowling, crochet a genealogy but her passion was her family. She was an avid Husker football and Texas Longhorn fan. She was stubborn and strong willed, both traits that she passed on to her children. Lillian was happiest when her family could gather together no matter what the occasion.

Lillian passed away suddenly on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at her home in Omaha with her husband Leo at her side at the age of 75 years, 6 months and 14 days. She was preceded in death by her parents Dempsey and Lula, siblings Mavis Wheeler, Melvin Leonard, Elbert Leonard, Archie Leonard and Billy Leonard, daughter Christina and Deborah and grandson Joey. Lillian is survived by her husband of 56 years, Leo; sons and daughters-in-law Leo, Jr and Terry of Omaha, Dale and Karen of Savage, MN and Stephen and Sue of Omaha; daughters Sharon Peterson and Diana Hulsebusch both of Omaha; 28 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren; sister Estelle Young of Sherman, Texas and son-in-law Bernie Bruning of Omaha;

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lillian Iris Venteicher*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM

LT

“ *I wish I could have gotten to know her better. I am sure that she is better off where she is now even though her husband, children, grandchildren and so on may not think so. She will surely be missed*

**Linda Louise (Leonard) Thomas** - February 28, 2011 at 03:46 PM

PN

“ *Uncle Leo and family  
I'm so sadden with the news of Aunt Lillian. I just found out today. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers. Look after Uncle Leo he needs you all more than ever. It will be hard at times but with your strength you all can help pull each other together. Be there for one another & always remember we are here for you in Texas.*

*Love to all  
Your cousin  
Peggy*

**Peggy Leonard Novak** - February 27, 2011 at 12:03 AM

BM

“ *Y'all are beautiful, and strong. Keep the chins up.*

**Branden Michael** - February 16, 2011 at 06:05 PM

SB

“ *My deepest condolences to your family. I knew Lillian when I worked at Greyhound. She and her daughter Diana were two of the greatest people there. Dean (my husband) passed away in 2007. My prayers are with you, Diana, and the family.*

**Susan (and Dean) Brittain** - February 15, 2011 at 01:58 PM

SH

“ To the entire Venteicher family: I am so sorry for the death of your wife and mother. She will be missed. I will keep her in my daily prayers and rosary. God will comfort all of you. Shirley Hanna

shirley Hanna - February 13, 2011 at 12:20 PM

DF

“ Our deepest sympathy to your family. You will be in our prayers.

Dean and Jolene Miller and family - February 13, 2011 at 11:50 AM

JC

“ Sharon & Family,

So sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother and Grandmother. Prayers and thoughts will be with you.

Jackie Coco

Jackie Coco - February 12, 2011 at 11:40 PM

MB

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss. Our deepest sympathy to your family. You will be in our prayers.

Marty and Linda Brown - February 12, 2011 at 08:53 PM

LW

“ Dear Venteicher Family,

We were very saddened to hear of the passing of your mother. We have such fond memories of playing in the old neighborhood and your mother was really a saint to put up with all of our antics while she tried to work! You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

With our deepest sympathy,  
The Clements & Schlotzhauer Family

Lynette Clements Wieger - February 12, 2011 at 01:53 PM

DD

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother, I know how much you'll miss her. Donn Duling MVFD

Donn Duling - February 12, 2011 at 11:39 AM

CR

“ Sharon and family. I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need anything!

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**Cathy Richardson** - February 11, 2011 at 09:59 AM

LH

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother. She was such a wonderful person. I have nothing but fond & happy memories of her/family from our "growing-up" years. Please know you will all be in my thoughts and prayers through this difficult time and always.

Love & prayers,  
Lynda Higgins-Tully

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**Lynda M. Higgins-Tully** - February 11, 2011 at 09:24 AM

KR

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss, and wish there was a way to make the pain go away. I too have been in the same situation, and I know personally there is nothing that can be said to soothe the pain, however, who ever is willing to take it, i am here to help... in anyway that I can... for anyone who is willing to let me. Again my condolences to the whole family. I heard she was an amazing woman.

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**Krystle** - February 11, 2011 at 02:38 AM