



Mabel Eliza Hansen

January 21, 1922 - March 3, 2013

Mabel Eliza Trofholz was born January 21, 1922 in Richland, Nebraska to Fred and Nellie (Morgan) Trofholz. Mabel grew up on the family farm near Richland, and attended country school through the eighth grade. Mabel did her share of the chores but was also the most spoiled being the youngest of 12.

Mabel married Morris R. Gerrard, and the couple was blessed with two daughters: Nancy and Kathy. Morris died in 1948 at 27 years of age. Mabel later married Roy A. Hansen and they were blessed with a son, Larry. The family settled in Waterloo, Nebraska, but Roy died in 1971 at 50 years old. Mabel was a wonderful homemaker for the children as they grew up, but after Roy's death, she began working as a cook at the Waterloo Schools. She received a certificate for serving over 40,000 meals! She loved listening to and dancing to polka music, enjoyed playing BINGO, and was active with the Red Hat Ladies. She had strong hands for her size, and she used them to can tomatoes, tomato soup, pickles and peaches. Mabel was a bit of a worrier, and always liked to be clean and neat, and not have her hair wind-blown. Most of all, Mabel was a caring, nurturing mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Nancy, Kathy, and Larry remember how they grew up around the kitchen table, and how Mabel always had homemade bread and cinnamon rolls for them after school. She loved playing cards with them, and they would play Rummy to decide who was to do the dishes that night. When Kathy moved to Watertown, South Dakota, she and Mabel would write letters to

each other every week. This went on for at least 25 years. For Mabel, everything centered on her family. She adored the grandkids, and then her great grandkids, and always shared a half stick of gum with them. Christmas eve was a special night, with Mabel making her special chili with spaghetti in it, and oyster stew, and staying up all hours afterwards to still wrap presents for Christmas morning. Her family will remember her as a gentle, sweet and caring woman who was never mean, and had kind, pretty blue eyes.

Mabel passed away on Sunday, March 3, 2013 at the Nye Legacy facility in Fremont, Nebraska at the age of 91 years, one month, and 13 days. She is preceded in death by her parents, 11 brother and sisters, and husbands Morris Gerrard and Roy Hansen. Mabel is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law: Nancy & Larry Bohlen of Fremont, and Kathy & John Graf of Yankton, SD, son Larry of Waterloo, NE, 8 grandchildren: Bill, Julie, Dave, Jodi, Tim, Cortney, Ashley, and Kylee, 15 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Mabel E. Hansen, age 91, of Fremont, formerly of Waterloo, NE, died 3/3/13. Survived by daughters Nancy (Larry) Bohlen of Fremont, Kathy (John) Graf of Yankton, SD, son Larry of Waterloo, NE, 8 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, niece and nephew Jan, Dick and Phil.

Funeral service 2 PM Thursday (3/7/13) at the funeral home. Interment Prospect Hill Cemetery, Elkhorn. Visitation Wednesday, Noon to 8 PM with the family receiving friends from 6-8 PM at the funeral home. Memorials to the Waterloo Rescue Squad, Odyssey Hospice, or the Alzheimer's Association.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mabel Eliza Hansen*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear of your loss. Things will get better but never be good. Always remember what Mabel gave you...love, knowledge and a wealth of friends. She will be sorely missed but she is no longer in pain and in a better place. My condolences to the whole family.*

Joe Poljanec - March 06, 2013 at 12:57 PM



“ *I appoligize for not being able to get excused from work to express my condolences in person. Please accept them in my absence*

John Embrey - March 06, 2013 at 12:42 PM



“ *Grammy Lammy was such a gem! Such a caring heart and beautiful woman....I'm so glad that I had the opportunity to connect to such a sweet person through such an amazing family....love you all! xox*

Sha Foland - March 06, 2013 at 02:12 AM



“ *Remembering a wonderful lady who always had a smile for all going through the lunch line at Waterloo.*

Ann Wachsmann - March 05, 2013 at 06:44 PM

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“ Julie and family, I am very sorry for your loss. Words will never take away the pain of losing a loved one. Grams is in a better place with no more suffering.

KAREN ROBINSON - March 05, 2013 at 04:35 PM

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“ I remember Mabel as one of the cooks at Waterloo Public Schools. She was always so sweet and kind.

Natalie Osborne - March 05, 2013 at 03:01 PM

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“ You have our symphaty. Will miss having the only aunt left in our family. She was a sweet lady.

Phyllis and Dean - March 05, 2013 at 10:53 AM