



Marvely Jane Klinker

July 4, 1924 - April 18, 2012

Marvely Jane (Speckmann) Klinker, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, and a two-time breast cancer survivor, was born in Yutan on July 4, 1924 to Harvey and Helen Speckmann, the first of four children.

She spent her youth on a farm near Yutan and graduated Yutan High School in 1941. She moved to Omaha and took work first as a child care provider then as a comptometer operator at Union Pacific Railroad.

On Oct. 8, 1944, she married John William Klinker and the couple settled on a farm near 132nd Street and Military Road in northwest Omaha, later moving to John's family farm at 132nd and Fort streets, just a half-mile away.

John Klinker served many years as a representative of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation, ultimately occupying the office of NFBF president. Marvely accompanied him on numerous trips around Nebraska and the nation promoting agriculture and pro-agricultural policies. Even after her husband's death, Marvely remained active in Farm Bureau affairs, attending state conventions up until a few years ago.

Marvely and John raised three sons on the farm—James William, John Wayne, and Mark Alan. In 1956, she returned to the workforce in the

accounting office of the Omar Bakery, later Old Home Bakery where she worked until 1972, when she received her first breast cancer diagnosis.

Following her husband's death on April 16, 1977, she became a tour guide for Travel and Transport and led group tours around the United States. She also became a world traveler herself, seeing Europe several times and China in the mid-1980s.

She stayed on at the farm where she and John had built a life and treasured her time with her grandchildren, as one was born each year between 1977 and 1981—Amy, Casey, Adam, John David, and Luke—and John William in 1984. Her first great-grandchild Sofia, was born in 2008, followed by Elliot in 2009, Tyler in 2011 and William in 2012.

In later years, she remained active as a golfer and line-dancer and was also a member of the German-American Society where she took language lessons and was a member of the German Dance Troupe.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 33 years, John; parents, Harvey and Helen (Heldt) Speckmann; brother Gil Speckmann; and sister, Faye Stranathan. She is survived by sons and daughters in law James and Peggy of Mesa Ariz.; John and Jo of Coronado, Calif., and Mark and Jeanne of Omaha; grandchildren Amy (and husband Steven) Silvestrini and great-grandchildren Sofia and Tyler of San Mateo, Calif.; Casey (and husband Jeff) Gonzalez and great-grandson Elliot of Mesa, Ariz.; Adam (JoDee) Klinker and great-grandson William Carlos of Omaha; Luke (Christine) Klinker of Omaha; and John (and fiancée Amy Vincentini) of Omaha. sister Norma Manceaux of Bellevue; sisters-in-law Norma Speckmann of Yutan, NE, Eleanor Mason of Albuquerque, NM and Dorothy Merrill of Ardmore, OK; many nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall



“ *Marvely Jane Klinker*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *My condolence to you and your family, I was around your mother at the luncheons at south church and was married to John Mordhorst from Bennington had always had a great time in the olden days at dances and social events she will be missed*

Virginia Mordhorst - April 23, 2012 at 12:05 AM



“ *I was sorry to hear about Marvely. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Anne Begley - April 21, 2012 at 06:18 PM



“ *We, the Thursday Swingers Golf League members, send our sympathy to Marvely's family. Marvely was a great gal and many of our ladies enjoyed her friendship through the many years she golfed on the league. She will be missed by all who knew her.*

God Bless!

Thursday Swingers Golf League - April 20, 2012 at 03:01 PM

SM

“ No matter how old we are, losing a mother is one of the deepest sorrows a heart can know. But her goodness, her caring and her wisdom live on, leaving a legacy of love that will always be with you.

Much love, Susan & Tom

Susan & Tom Mitchell - April 19, 2012 at 04:28 PM

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“ All of our thoughts and prayers are with you in your loss. We truly enjoyed and were blessed by Marvely as a part of our family and the interface of our two families for so many years. May the LORD comfort you in your loss.

David & Melissa Rosacker - April 19, 2012 at 12:21 PM

RD

“ Gracious, kind, supportive, giving and an amazing friend to my mom and our family. Marvely you will be missed. All our love and prayers to your family.

Raeann Smith (Mary Ann's Daughter) - April 19, 2012 at 10:45 AM