



Felicitas Polking

July 10, 1918 - April 21, 2010

Felicitas Polking, age 91, of Breda, Iowa, died Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at the Carroll Health Center Nursing Home in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 A.M., Saturday, April 24, 2010, at St. Bernard Church in Breda. The Celebrant will be Father Joe Dillinger. Lector will be Clare Polking. Gift Bearers will be Mrs. Polking's children, Dr. Gary Polking, Patricia Hogan, and Jan Miller. Eucharistic Ministers will be Ruth Feldmann and Roger and Sue Dentlinger. Honorary Pallbearer will be Kathryn Polking. Casket Bearers will be Ryan Hogan, Jerod Hogan, Colin Hogan, Mark Polking, Mike Wolterman, and Doug Polking. Burial will be at St. Bernard Cemetery in Breda.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Breda after 3:30 P.M. Friday. A rosary will be prayed at 4 P.M. Friday by St. Bernard Ladies Guild. There will be a Christian wake service at 7 P.M. Friday by St. Bernard Parish.

Felicitas was born on July 10, 1918, at Breda, Iowa, the daughter of Joseph and Rose (Scheirholtz) Knobbe. She spent her lifetime in the Breda community and graduated from St. Bernard High School. She then attended the Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls and graduated with a Teachers Certificate. On September 12, 1946, she was married to Marcellus J. Polking at St. Bernard Church in Breda. The couple farmed west of Breda until 1982 when they moved to their home in Breda. Felicitas taught elementary school at St. Bernard School in Breda for twenty-five years retiring in 1989. She was a member of St. Bernard Parish, Parish Ladies Guild, St.

Bernard Choir, charter member of the National Catholic Society of Foresters, and the Breda American Legion Auxiliary. Felicitas enjoyed her family, traveling, reading, playing cards, quilting, sewing, porcelain painting, and having her one cold beer a day.

Survivors include her children, Dr. Gary Polking D.D.S. and wife Clare of Boone, Patricia Hogan and husband David of Waukeg, and Jan Miller and husband Randy of Sioux City; grandchildren, Ryan Hogan, Jerod Hogan, Colin Hogan, Kathryn Polking, and Mark Polking; a brother, Mark Knobbe and wife Mae of Carroll; her sisters, Mary Ann McGillicuddy of Silver Springs, Maryland, Joan Heiman of Jefferson, Lucy Wolterman of Jefferson, Barbara McCabe of New Hampton, Ruth Feldmann and husband Tom of Jefferson, and Karen Eason and husband Frank of Morton, Illinois; and sisters and brothers-in-law, Edna Knobbe of Rose Creek, Minn., Irma Knobbe of Carroll, Virginia Knobbe of Templeton, and Larry Tompkins of Burke, Virginia.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marcellus Polking in 1987; her parents; three daughters and one son in infancy; a sister, Rita Tompkins; and brothers, Linus, Mello, and Raphael Knobbe.

Tribute Wall

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“ *The world has lost a very special person. Mrs. Polking was adored by many students over the year. She had my mother for 5th grade and I had her for 6th grade. She was always a joy. Shannon*

Shannon (Nees) Reising - April 29, 2010 at 04:52 PM

RK

“ *Pat, Gary and Jan, I want to extend to you my prayers and support at yours and our great loss. Felicy was a truly remarkable Mom, Person and Teacher. She was a loving and warm person who had a great sense of humor. I remember with loving memory the days years ago when we all would gather at Grandmother Rose Knobbe's Home in Breda. And the one person who stood out loud and clear was Felicy! She was truly the Matriarch of the Knobbe clan; she was the GLUE that kept the love- bond strong between the siblings in the Knobbe family. Her heart was immense in her love for others. She will be greatly missed. I was touched today by your comments Pat. Thank you for those. I was moved to tears at the sound of the amazing tenor at the end of the funeral today. It was as though Felicy was singing her Spirit for all of us. Everything stopped. People were moved. It was at that very moment that a flood of beautiful memories of your and OUR Mom came flooding through my heart. Thank you for sharing her life with us. She was also another Remarkable Woman! May she rest in peace. I am sure she is up there singing "Schnitzelbank" with Linus, my Dad, with Raphael, Rita and Mello. Yes, she was special. I am blessed to have known her. She enriched my life. Peace and Love! Ron Knobbe*

Ron Knobbe - April 24, 2010 at 07:35 PM

RL

“ Jan: I'm sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. Shirley and I will keep you, Randy and the rest of your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Rick Larson - April 23, 2010 at 02:49 PM

KS

“ Pat, Gary and Jan, I send you my thoughts and prayers during this time. I am sure it is very overwhelming and difficult for all of you. Your mom was a fun and kind lady. I remember when we were little and how nice she was when we came from MN to spend time with our cousins. I will always remember her laugh and then how she would stop and ask questions about what ever we were laughing about. The picture you have of her is beautiful and such a nice written memorial. I cannot get away to come. I wish I were closer instead of the 8 hrs. away. I will drink one cold beer and say a prayer for all of you. I wish you peace Felicy, and I wish your children comfort. Kathy Schammel

Kathy Schammel - April 22, 2010 at 07:55 PM

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“ Gary My depest sympathy on your mothers death.
Ann Perera

Ann Perera - April 22, 2010 at 12:19 PM