



Norma Kennebeck

November 29, 1928 - June 25, 2012

Norma Kennebeck, age 83 of Breda, died on Monday, June 25, 2012 at her residence in Breda surrounded by her family.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Breda. The Celebrant will be Fr. Joe Dillinger. Music will be by organist, Marilyn Hundling and the St. Bernard's Choir with Jake Gute as soloist. Mass servers will be Adam and Ryan Schelle. Lectors for the funeral mass will be: Michelle Loew, Donna Bachman, and Don Masching. Gift Bearers will be Norma's great-grandchildren. Eucharistic Ministers will be: Carmen Ludwig and Paul and Rita Ann Venner. Honorary Casket Bearers will be Roger and Kay Schwabe, Rita Vonnahme, Dale and Mary Ann Huegerich, and Joan Wittry. Casket Bearers will be Norma's sons: Jim, Denny, Mark, Kenny, Andy, and Dean Kennebeck. The Breda American Legion Auxiliary will form an honor guard for the funeral mass. Burial will be at St. Bernard's Cemetery in Breda.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Breda after 3 p.m. on Thursday where there will be a rosary at 4 p.m. by the St. Bernard's Ladies Guild and Norma's grandchildren. Following the rosary there will be a Secular 3rd Order Franciscan Service. There will be a Christian Wake Service at 7 p.m. by St. Bernard's Parish. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Breda and online condolences may be left for Norma's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Born on November 29, 1928 at Carroll, Iowa, Norma Elizabeth was the

daughter of Charles and Mary Ann (Goecke) Schelle. She spent nearly her entire lifetime in the Breda Community and graduated from St. Bernard's High School. On September 7, 1948 she married Fred Kennebeck at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Breda. Fred and Norma made their home in Willey for a brief time before moving back to the Breda area where they raised their twelve children. Norma's devotion to her family and her faith were evidenced in her involvement in St. Bernard's Parish and raising their twelve children. She also worked as St. Bernard's Grade School Secretary, Editor at the Breda News, and managed the parish cemetery books for 30 years. Norma was active in the parish choir, active member of Al-Anon, and was also a volunteer for hospice. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, writing, card club, and the board game scrabble. Norma's greatest joy was her family, and was a special part of each of their lives. She was a member of St. Bernard's Parish, Parish Ladies Guild, Breda American Legion Auxiliary and the Secular 3rd Order Franciscan Fraternity. Norma is survived by her children: Joyce (Randy) Sieve of Stratford, Marilyn (Spike) Underberg of Carroll, Phyllis Lawler of Carroll, Jim Kennebeck of Dallas, TX, Julie Nixon of Nevada, Denny (Penny) Kennebeck of Chillicothe, MO, Mark Kennebeck of Carroll, Kenny (KB) Kennebeck of Carroll, Andy (Lynn) Kennebeck of Ft. Dodge, Dean (Angela) Kennebeck of Ankeny, Virginia Kennebeck of Carroll, and Sara (Jeff) Morgan of Boone; 22 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; two sisters: Jean Thelen of Carroll and Lois Roets of Des Moines; two brothers: Nyle (Mary) Schelle of Glidden and Ron (Pat) Schelle of Pfafftown, NC; her sisters-in-laws and brothers-in-laws: Mildred Schelle of Carroll, Rosella Schelle of Carroll, Eugene "Bud" Kennebeck of Carroll, Ruth Ann Snyder of Carroll, Mary (Dale) Bernholtz of Carroll, Doris (Bill) Brueggeman of Lake City, Marvin Snyder of Carroll, Louise Kennebeck of Carroll, and Larry (Della) Hinnens of Manning; as well as other extended relatives.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents; husband Fred in 1997; and three brothers: Merlin, Wilmer and Wayne Schelle; her sister-in-law, Marita Schelle; and her brothers-in-law: Lenus "Leny" Thelen and Phil Roets.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Norma was a very special person. I remember her best in her acceptance of what we kids did and how she just smiled and let us know that we were still OK with her. She was a great role model for us all. Always a kind word and a great smile was her trademark.

Dave Schettler - March 06, 2013 at 10:50 PM

PG

“ My deep sympathy to all of you. Your Mother was a very special lady and raised a very special family. I am blessed to have known her and your family. May your fond memories help you get through this difficult time. I am thinking of you.

Peggy Gibson - June 29, 2012 at 07:44 PM

DN

“ My thoughts are with you all today, especially my two lovely daughters, and their mother. What a great lady she was!

Dick Nixon - June 29, 2012 at 07:22 PM

LS

“ My Deepest Sympathy to all of you! I remember when your family moved in next door to my Grandpa (Conrad Tiefenthaler), many years of playing on the school playground with the Kennebeck Kids and all of my cousins. Linda (Hoffman) Schaller

Linda (Hoffman) Schaller - June 29, 2012 at 01:59 PM

TP

“ Please accept our sincerest sympathy. Norma was a very special lady and will be missed by many.

Tim & Deb (Buelt) Pietig - June 29, 2012 at 12:03 PM

KS

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Norma was such a very special person and we will hold her memories in our hearts! Please know you have our sincere sympathy!!

Kari and Mike Schneider - June 29, 2012 at 09:11 AM

AV

“ Virginia & family-I am sorry to hear about your mom. I was so lucky to get to know her & work with her when I was teaching at Christ the King. She was a wonderful woman! You will continue to be in my thoughts & prayers during this difficult time.

Amy Seidl Vollstedt - June 28, 2012 at 10:50 PM

BW

“ Julie and family, my sympathy on the death of your mom. She was a special person. you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Barb Wittry-Hoffman - June 28, 2012 at 09:36 PM

BE

“ To the wonderful Kennebeck & Schelle Families:
"When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure" What a treasure your mom and sister was! She was an amazing woman! I know you will miss her terribly. I enjoyed so much visiting with her when we came to Iowa for our vacations.
Wish I could be there! Sending many Prayers and Hugs your way!
Love you!

Becky Evans - June 28, 2012 at 02:38 PM

MH

“Joyce and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all. As cousins and classmates, I'm reminded that your Mother and mine were also classmates. It was your Mom and Dad who set my parents up on a blind date for the Breda 4th of July celebration. This year the celebration will be in heaven. May you all find comfort in your many memories of your Mom. With deepest sympathy and friendship, Mary Lou and family

Mary Lou Hart - June 28, 2012 at 02:22 PM

MT

“Jean Thelen
Grandma, I am so sorry to hear of Norma's passing. Sisters are a special gift and one of the greatest friends we will ever have. I know she will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love, Melinda

Melinda Thelen - June 28, 2012 at 11:12 AM

SR

“I want express my deepest sympathy to Norma's entire family. I loved visiting with her when we ran into each other. I have fond memories of her as the school secretary when I was younger. She always had a smile and a kind word no matter what. She will be greatly missed.

Shannon Reising - June 28, 2012 at 10:29 AM

PH

“Denny-
We are so sorry for your loss. Losing your mom is difficult at any age.
Praying for all
Pat and Kim Haynes

Pat and Kim Haynes - June 27, 2012 at 09:02 PM

GC

“ *Deepest Sympathy and prayers sent to the family and may the memories of Mrs Kennebeck, help in the healing process of your loss. Denny, Penny, Cody and Molly are my next door neighbors in Chillicothe.*

Georgia Chapman - June 27, 2012 at 08:27 PM

SP

“ *Marilyn and family. Our prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. Norma was a lovely person. Steve and Sylvia*

Steve and Sylvia Perry - June 27, 2012 at 05:14 PM

CS

“ *To the Kennebeck family,my deepest sympathy to all of you on the passing of your mother Norma. I know your mom was a big help to my mom when my dad passed away years ago when you lived out on our farm.I still think of all the fun we had out there when we were kids. I know your mom will be greatly missed. Cathy Greving Seymour*

Cathy Greving Seymour - June 27, 2012 at 08:56 AM