



Elsie Lehmkuhl

December 22, 1917 - October 21, 2011

Funeral services for Elsie Brown Lehmkuhl were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at the Faith United Church of Christ in Bertha with Pastor Marli Danielson presiding. Elsie passed away at the age of 93 years on Friday, October 21, 2011 at the Lakewood Health Systems Care Center in Staples. Elsie Amelia Marion Brown Lehmkuhl was born on December 22, 1917 at Devils Lake, ND to Fred and Anna (Johnson) Shilts. She attended country school and later was united in marriage with Roy Edwin Brown. They moved to the Bertha area more than 40 years ago and Roy passed away in 1974. She later married Wilfred William "Bill" Lehmkuhl of Bertha. He passed away in 1995. Due to declining health, she moved to an assisted living facility in Staples and later, after a brief stay at a nursing facility in Brainerd, returned to Staples and the care of the Lakewood Health System's staff. Elsie worked as a cook in hospital food service. She enjoyed cooking, being outdoors fishing, knitting, attending church bazaars and just generally being active in her community. She was an active member of the Faith United Church of Christ community and with the Bertha Senior Citizens. Elsie was preceded in death by her husbands Roy Brown and Bill Lehmkuhl; parents Fred and Anna Shilts; and brother Quinton Shilts. She is survived by nieces and nephews Karen Steinberg of El Paso, TX, Patty Millman of Verdi, NV, Gary Shilts of Fallbrook, CA and John Shilts of Salem, OR; as well as 6 grand nieces and nephews and 5 great grand nieces and nephews. Interment was in the Hewitt Cemetery in Hewitt.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Elsie was a loving person who always will be remembered for her laugh, her funny sayings and, for me, very warm and special times.*

John Shilts - October 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Elsie was a wonderful person and the perfect Aunt! Her laugh was the thing I remember best about her and her warmth and enthusiasm. We love her and will miss her.*

Karen Steinberg - October 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *I loved Elsie so very much. What a wonderful lady she was. I wouldn't see her for a long time, but she would never forget me or my name. I remember going to Fred and Anna's place for fish, or my dad would go fishing with her dad, and Elsie and her 1st husband would be there, she was always so nice to me, way back many years ago, and that never changed. It was fun visiting her in the latter years, you had to yell to talk to her, but that was part of the fun!! haha. God Bless her family, and I know she smiling that beautiful smile up there with Jesus.*

Sandy (Walker) South - October 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *Elsie was a very loving person and had a very unique laugh. We had lost touch over the years and were recently reunited and had the honor of visiting with her at her assisted living, in Staples, MN. I brought my Dad, Bob, (bobby) her nephew, to visit with her and she had remembered him and made him coffee. I remember the visits that we had made to Moorehead and her and Roy's dog, buttons and also going to the lake to fish with my parents and Uncle Roy and Aunt Elsie. I will always cherish those wonderful memories of Elsie.*

Barbara Thielke - October 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *I remember all the wonderful times that I spent with my aunt Elsie. She was a wonderful person and enjoyed my family when we visited Elsie and Roy in Moorhead. I remember Roy at the Gambles store in Bertha. I was able to visit with Elsie in June at her assisted living with my wife Ev and daughter Barb and son, Roger. I will always remember her unique laugh. I can hear her voice now. Elsie had taken care of Roy's parents, John and Lena on the farm for years, so may she rest in peace now.*

Robert and Evelyn Brown - October 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM