



Lillian Cin

December 14, 1915 - May 31, 2006

Lillian Mary Killian was born to her parents Simon & Della (Welch) Killian on December 14, 1915 in Philbrook, Minnesota. She passed away on Wednesday afternoon May 31st at the Lakewood Health Systems Care Center in Staples. Lillian attended school in Crosby Ironton, Staples and Philbrook. With her family they moved to a farm north of Donnelly with her mother and step-father at the age of 15. She was united in marriage to Dewey Cin on December 21, 1934. Together they farmed near Donnelly. Dewey passed away in May of 1957. Lillian remained on the farm until 1965. She moved into Morris and worked on the assembly line for Fingerhut, retiring in 1977. Recently Lillian has been living in the Mary Rondorf Home and the Lakewood Manor. In January she moved into the Lakewood Health Systems Care Center. Lillian was preceded in death by her husband; her parents and step-father John Swenson; daughter Della; great-grandson Chris; brothers and sisters in law Floyd & Martha Killian, Merle & Ellen Killian, Carl & Margaret Killian, Elmer & Ruth Killian; and her brother in law Ted Dukowitz. She is survived by her children Juanita & Jim Williams of Staples, Duane & Pat Cin of Omaha, NE, Linda & Ricardo Castro of Crystal, MN; son in law Eugene DeGrier of Morris; daughter in law Marlis Harstad of Alexandria; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 9 great-great grandchildren and her sister Violet Dukowitz of Harmony House in Motley. A private family service will be held on Friday, June 2nd at the Summit Cemetery in Morris where she will be buried next to her husband Dewey. Her family will serve as pallbearers.

Tribute Wall

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“ It's difficult to define what had always been a constant in my life. My earliest memories are with Gramma waiting for my brother to arrive. She was there with each arrival of a new sibling. Funny how whether it is the house I grew up in, or her's, the strongest memories always involve the kitchen as the setting. I loved her Banana Bread and Rhubarb-Strawberry Jelly, and fetching a jar of Hot-Dish Mix from her pantry.

I have so many memories of staying at Gramma's house. I think about the times I had her to myself (or shared with just my brother in the Summer), and all of the holidays and breaks from school. My place to sleep was always sharing Gramma's bed - a very special place!

She was a strong matriarch for our family. It is with this thought that I think that those of us left behind are just a little lost trying to figure out where to go from here. We are such a lucky family to have such strong ties for all the generations that we have here with us. It is my strongest wish that even though Mom/Gramma/Great-Gramma/Great-Great-Gramma (way to go April & Scottie!) has gone, that those lives that she made possible will remain together in whatever ways we are able to be - despite the miles, good, and bad. I love you all.

Thank you, Gramma, for so much more than I could really put into words. It was really a remarkable life, and I'm happy that I was able to share in the last 30 years of it.

Andrew & Alicia Kopp - May 31, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *As a child growing up she always welcomed me to the Cin Farm. She always had a smile for everyone, I don't think I ever heard her say an unkind word. I was fortunate to have her for my godmother. She was a wonderful person and will be missed.*

karen yungbauer - May 31, 2006 at 12:00 AM