



Lillian Rude

June 11, 1919 - January 18, 2014

The funeral service for Lillian Rude of Wadena, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2014, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena, with Pastor Nate Loer officiating. Friends may call on Friday at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m and at the church on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. At the age of 94, Lillian passed away on Saturday, January 18, 2014, at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena.

Lillian Dreva Johnson was born to John C. and Malvina “Josie” (McLaughlin) Johnson on June 11, 1919, on the family farm in Ward Township, Todd County, near Browerville, MN. In 1926, the family moved to Menahga where Lillian graduated from high school in 1936. She moved to Wadena in 1936, and found work at the Great Northern Hotel where she met her future husband. Lillian was united in marriage with Herbert Tilman Rude of Dalton, MN, on July 5, 1937. They made their home in Wadena, raising their family of six children. Her days were filled with office work at Herb’s Garage, along with being involved with church groups, teaching Sunday School and leading Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. She enjoyed quilting, and for many years was a care giver for her folks, husband, and sister. She always enjoyed her friendships, camping at the lake, traveling and swimming. In earlier years, she enjoyed taking saunas, dancing, and driving in Powder Puff stock car races. She even won an electric frying pan in a hula-hoop contest!

Lillian was preceded in death by her parents John and Josie; husband Herbert; sister Alida; son Richard; granddaughter Krista Robidoux; and son-in-law Jerry Stahl.

She is survived by her children Janice Stahl of Wadena, Sharon (Manuel) Umpierre of Esko, Dennis (Carol) Rude of Wadena, Penny (Bruce) Brunsvold of Anchorage, AK, and Bobbie (David) Robidoux of Muskego, WI; along with 17 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren & 7 great-great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be Erik Robidoux, Glenn Leeseberg, James Rude, Scott Rude, Manuel Umpierre III, and Richard Umpierre.

Burial will be in the Wadena Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Visitation

JAN 25. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Wadena
403 2nd St. SE
Wadena, MN 56482

Service

JAN 25. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Wadena
403 2nd St. SE
Wadena, MN 56482

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Lillian Rude*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Kelli Lewis - July 07, 2014 at 12:09 AM

CH

“ *What a beautiful service for your Mom, I felt her smiling down on us all! She was a great friend, who I always enjoyed visiting with on the phone and in person. She truly loved you all, and was always sharing updates on how you were doing. I can't thank you enough for stopping to visit Alice, it meant so to her. I posted some pictures, but the date on the one with your Mom & Alice should have been 1-2-2014 hope you enjoy!*

You will be in our prayers in the coming days. Take Care, Colleen Harris

Colleen Harris - January 27, 2014 at 12:32 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Lillian Rude.*



January 27, 2014 at 06:39 AM



“ *3 files added to the album New Album Name*



Colleen Harris (Alice's niece) - January 26, 2014 at 06:41 PM



“ *Aunt Jan,
I just heard tonight, so sorry for your loss. You are all in our prayers.
James & Deborah Stahl*



James Stahl - January 24, 2014 at 11:21 PM



“ *We are saddened to hear of our cousin Lillian's passing. She was always so welcoming to us when we visited . Our love and prayers are with you all. Ron and Alice Piri*

ron piri - January 24, 2014 at 09:16 PM

BL

“ Our sympathy to the family of Lillian. Lillian was a neat lady who liked to be busy all the time and have fun. She always talked about her family and was involved in what they were doing. We got to know Herb and Lillian while camping at Golden Eagle Campground by Perham for ten years. We played cards together and just enjoyed visiting. Heaven will be a lot richer with her dancing with the angels.

*Evan and Barb Lewis
Fergus Falls*

Barb Lewis - January 22, 2014 at 02:25 PM

CU

“ Lil always had a welcoming smile and huge hugs to go around whenever Kenny, the kids, and I came to visit. I cherish memories of sitting at her kitchen table drinking coffee and visiting or reminiscing about the old days of her growing up. I will miss her dearly.

Carrie Umpierre - January 22, 2014 at 09:47 AM

SU

“ I remember how my mom could lay on her back in the water, arms behind her head, toes out of the water and just float and float. I actually think she fell asleep sometimes. I love her and will miss her.

Her third child, Sharon

Sharon Umpierre - January 22, 2014 at 06:55 AM

DK

“ *Dave & JoAnn Koch lit a candle in memory of Lillian Rude*



Dave & JoAnn Koch - January 21, 2014 at 10:19 PM

KU

“ *Getting into bed tonight I noticed that a beautiful afghan Grandma made for me will be giving me warmth and comfort tonight and will be doing so for many more years to come. Like a loving hug from Grandma every night. I have and will continue to cherish this afghan and all the memories of Grandma that accompany it.*

Ken Umpierre - January 21, 2014 at 10:07 PM

GC

“ *Gladys Chase lit a candle in memory of Lillian Rude*



Gladys Chase - January 21, 2014 at 07:26 PM

JS

“ *Julie Stanton lit a candle in memory of Lillian Rude*



Julie Stanton - January 21, 2014 at 04:38 PM

JS

I remember back when I first met Lil on one of my trips to Wadena. She would banter back and forth with her sister, Butchie, I thought they were so cute.(after I figured out they weren't serious) Lil would always remain so calm and composed and gentle. She was the same when I played cards with her. She would have a hand that would knock your socks off--and I could never tell because she could keep such a straight face. I will miss you Lillian, I feel honored that our paths have crossed.

Julie Stanton - January 21, 2014 at 04:45 PM

KU

Wonderful story Julie. Thank you for sharing it.

Kenny Umpierre - January 21, 2014 at 06:17 PM

CI

“ *One of my favorite memories was seeing Grandma and Grandpa sneak away from the house at 10PM alone. They pretended to go to sleep while a large percentage of their children and grandchildren were at the house playing hand and foot. A few minutes later I look out the window and see Grandma and Grandpa holding hands trying to duck under the window to go out alone. Of course we let them go and busted them later! Such wonderful memories!*

Cindy - January 21, 2014 at 04:04 PM

KU

*That's a very nice story Cindy.
I wonder if they were going out dancing?
I hope so.*

Ken Umpierre - January 21, 2014 at 06:50 PM

JS

Caught them at the VFW dancing that night

Janice

Janice Stahl - January 23, 2014 at 11:17 AM

KU

“ I remember sharing a good cry with Grandma a few years back when she and I were driving. We got to talking about Grandpa and she told me that Grandpa was dancing in heaven. She said Grandpa loved to dance and that he was a great dancer. Well now all of those dances are with her and they are both dancing in heaven.
I love you Grandma!

Kenny Umpierre

Ken Umpierre - January 21, 2014 at 03:38 PM

SU

I love you, Kenny.

Sharon Umpierre - March 16, 2016 at 04:47 AM

JF

“ Jackie And Jay And Family lit a candle in memory of Lillian Rude



Jackie and Jay and family - January 21, 2014 at 02:07 PM

GK

“ Gary & Barbara Kane lit a candle in memory of Lillian Rude



Gary & Barbara Kane - January 20, 2014 at 01:28 PM

DT

“ Denny,

I have many good childhood memories of your mother and your family. She was always a welcoming host to the neighborhood kids who played touch football and yard games at night. We had great times there. I still remember that you played football in new socks--no shoes--and wore holes in your socks. She wasn't pleased. And the time you ate onions on the way home to cover up your smoke breath, and she knew right away why you had done that.

I know you will miss her, but carry many good memories with you.

Dean

Dean Tibbetts - January 20, 2014 at 11:45 AM

JR

Denny and Family,

My thoughts are with the extended Rude family today. May your good memories replace your sadness.

One memory I have from over 60 years ago is "Denny's Mom" reading from Jules Verne to a bunch of rowdy Cub Scouts at John Gerlach's house. I was mesmerized by the combination of Verne's tales and Lillian's expressive reading.

I also remember her as the picture of elegant grace in later years when I visited Immanuel Lutheran.

John Rowe

John Rowe - January 25, 2014 at 09:00 AM

MV

“ Margaret And Peter VanErp lit a candle in memory of Lillian Rude



Margaret and Peter VanErp - January 20, 2014 at 10:14 AM

TR

“ Tesa RUde lit a candle in memory of Lillian Rude



Tesa rUde - January 20, 2014 at 09:43 AM

DA

“ Di Anderson lit a candle in memory of Lillian Rude



Di Anderson - January 20, 2014 at 12:09 AM

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Kelli Lewis - January 19, 2014 at 08:46 PM

KU

A beautiful picture Kelli and thank you for sharing it.

Ken Umpierre - January 21, 2014 at 03:45 PM

BH

“ *Bob & Donna Haman lit a candle in memory of Lillian Rude*



Bob & Donna Haman - January 19, 2014 at 08:00 PM

MW

“ *Myron & Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Lillian Rude*



Myron & Karen Winkelman - January 19, 2014 at 03:31 PM

KL

“ *Ken & Nancy Lawson lit a candle in memory of Lillian Rude*



Ken & Nancy Lawson - January 19, 2014 at 02:59 PM

MK

“ Mike & Gail Kenney lit a candle in memory of Lillian Rude



Mike & Gail Kenney - January 19, 2014 at 12:30 PM

JC

“ We are so sorry to hear of your passing. We were honored to have met and known you during your stay at Humphrey Manor. We were looking forward to seeing you again. Rest in peace dear friend.



Jim & Elsie Childers

Jim Childers - January 18, 2014 at 06:00 PM

SP

Denny & Family, So sorry to hear about your mother. We want to extend our sympathies and may you hold the memories of your mother dear to your heart. She was a very special person. Sandi & Barry Pratt

Sandi Pratt - January 19, 2014 at 01:16 PM

SU

My Mom was a wonderful lady. About a month or so before she died we were playing cards, she got tired and said to us, her daughters, that she was ready to die. Of course, we got upset but she said that when she died she wanted to be sitting at the kitchen table with her hands folded in her lap. And that is exactly the way my sister Janice found her on the morning of January 18th, 2014. Her life has been a blessing and it is going forward in her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren's lives.

Our Kenny Billy, her grandson, is now with her, his grandpa and great grandparents. He loves them all so very much.

Sharon Umpierre - March 16, 2016 at 05:04 AM