



## Luella Pankratz

April 8, 1921 - August 17, 2010

Luella Viola Pankratz was born to Harm and Anna (Harms) Korfe on April 8, 1921, in Corona, SD. Luella Korfe and Leonard A. Pankratz were united in marriage on April 28, 1939, at the Gospel Tabernacle in Delton Township near Mountain Lake. She was a part of the Staples community for over 60 years and was a member of the Verndale Assembly of God Women's Ministries, and Gideon's Auxiliary. For 22 years she worked as a Certified Nurse's Assistant (CNA) and as an Activities Aid for eight years at Lakewood Health System Care Center. She loved baking and delivering doughnuts & pies for family, friends, and strangers, and will always be remembered as "the doughnut lady" with her generous spirit. She also loved music and the people she worked with, and had a gift for telling a good joke. Luella was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Luella passed away on August 17, 2010, at the age of 89, at the Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Leonard on April 6, 2005; parents Harm and Anna; brothers Raymond and Wesley Korfe; sisters Margaret Junker, Theresa Riffle, Anna Russell, and Sylvia Selvey; and son-in-law Ken McGrane. Luella is survived by her sons Roger (Lois) Pankratz of Lancaster, and Don (Donna) Pankratz of Bingham Lake; daughters LuAnn McGrane of New Virginia, IA, and Rosalie (Larry) Fearing of Staples; 9 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren; brothers John (Irene) Korfe of Windom, Alfred (Irene) Korfe of Staples, and Clarence (Lois) Korfe of Bertha; and sisters Jean Bolstad of Windom, and Irene (Eldon) Cole of Zephyr

Hills, FL. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on August 21, 2010, in the Assembly of God Church in Staples, with Pastors Roy Miles and Amos Self officiating. Honorary pallbearers were all of Luella's 31 great-grandchildren. Active pallbearers were Van Pankratz, Jay Pankratz, Ira Pankratz, Darin Pankratz, Kevin McGrane and Wendell Mills. Interment was in the Germania - Moran Cemetery in rural Bertha.

# Tribute Wall

WM

“ *LUELLA ,was my favorite aunt,for a number of reasons.The happiness and joy she shared with me, especially thru the gift of music,is never to be forgotten. WITH LOVE WENDELL P. MILLS*

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wendell paul mills - August 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Our sympathies to the Pankratz family. We are all sad over Luella's passing, but at the same time, rejoicing that she has reached Heaven's shores and is happily with Leonard. We are so excited that she is where she "wanted to be". And because of that, we CAN'T be sad! But, surely we will miss her. She was a pure saint of God's and He is gaining a real treasure. Larry and I am privilege to have been able to associate with her and Leonard. Leonard gave us a song one time to sing, and I don't believe we got around to it. We will be out of town on the days of viewal and the funeral. Please accept our dissapointment on that. God Bless You All during this most difficult time. P.S. As far as my business is concerned, I found your mom and dad's contract for a monument. We completed it on April 17, 2004. If you would like me to have your mom's "death" date engraved (which was not included in the cost of the stone) I would be happy to assist you in that matter. I do have a person to do that for you. Just call me on that, if you do wish me to. Take care. Diane and Larry Hahn*

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Diane and Larry Hahn - August 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I'd like to extend my sympathies on the loss of your mother. Yet I rejoice in her gain to heaven! I just think of how both Leonard & Luella can be praising the Lord now. I always enjoyed their duets whenever they sang for us. I hope you have some of that recorded; it would be a great memory & blessing to hear that.

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**Myrna Dick** - August 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM