



Marie E. Kramer

August 23, 1920 - February 23, 2016

The Mass of Christian burial for Marie E. Kramer, of rural Hewitt, will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 29, at the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Father Matthew Crane as celebrant. Visitation will be held on Sunday at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a Rosary at 5:00 and Prayers at 6:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Monday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. Marie, age 95 (and a half!), passed away February 23, 2016 at the Central Todd County Care Center, Clarissa, MN.

Marie was born August 23, 1920, to George and Julia (Foley) Durham in Sturgis, Saskatchewan, Canada, where her family were early settlers. She graduated high school at the early age of 15. In 1939, she met Ray Kramer on a family visit to Minnesota and they were married the following spring, April 8, 1940, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Sturgis, Saskatchewan. The young couple settled near Ray's hometowns of Eden Valley and Watkins, MN, where they farmed and raised three children. In 1945, during WWII, she proudly became a naturalized U.S. citizen. In 1954 they moved to a farm in rural Hewitt, MN where Marie would reside the next 60 years. Ray and Marie welcomed three more children into their family in 1970.

After pursuing an education in business administration, Marie became the Executive Director of Humphrey Manor, Wadena, MN, in 1972, where she

spear-headed the building and renovation projects of Humphrey Manor East and the Commercial Apartments. She retired in 1987. Marie was an active member of St. Ann's Parish, Christian Mothers, Catholic Aid Society, R.S.V.P., Todd County Council on Aging and Relay for Life. Marie and Ray opened their home to Displaced Persons during the Cold War and became New Citizen Sponsors. They fostered many children. Marie was a volunteer tax preparer, a tutor, worked with SAFE, and was a political delegate.

Marie's door was always open, her oven always on and her vehicle always in motion. She loved to garden, bake, can and read. Marie was a deal hunter and berry picker of great renown. As the family historian, Marie enjoyed keeping extended family ties strong with many letters and phone calls. She reveled in her Irish heritage. Marie frequently invited others to travel with her throughout the U.S. and Canada, visiting family and friends. She had a lead foot and a bigger heart.

Marie was preceded in death by Ray, her husband of 59 years; mother Julia Durham; father George Durham; step-mother Flora Ganong Durham Earl; step-father Thomas Earl; brothers Marshall Durham and Michael Durham; sisters Regina Holaday, Agnes Propp and Reta Olson; step-brother Earl Ganong; step-sisters Alice Williams and Mabel Durham; brothers-in-law John Holaday, Fred Propp, Eric Olson, and Ken Williams; son Timothy Kramer; daughter Rose Johnson; six infant children and grand-daughter Mary Elizabeth Kramer.

Marie is survived by her children George (Terri) Kramer of Hewitt, Diane Johnson of Brooklyn Park, Bernadette (Harold) DeBlieck of Osakis and Bruce (Pam) Johnson of Long Prairie; son-in-law Percy Johnson of Duluth; sisters-in-law Frances Durham of Edmonton, Alberta, Loretta Ganong of Toronto, Ontario, and Marie Kramer of Sebeka; seventeen grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren, many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins (on both

sides of the border) and a lifetime's worth of friends.

Interment is at Calvary Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

FEB 29. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Service

FEB 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Marie E. Kramer*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - February 27, 2016 at 03:39 PM

JP

“ *To Diane, Bernie and Bruce
Sorry I was unable to make it to Marie's funeral, Maxine had let me know she passed away. It's hard to know just what to say at this sad time because your loss is so great and that Marie will be missed in so many ways.
But even though no words can truly comfort you, perhaps they can, in some small way, express the depth of care and concern that's felt for you now.
With Deepest Sympathy.
Jim and Carol Perish
2515 So Lk Irving Dr
Bemidji Mn 56601*

Jim Perish - March 07, 2016 at 09:52 AM



“ from the John and Regina Holaday Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marie E. Kramer.



from the John and Regina Holaday Family - February 29, 2016 at 10:36 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marie E. Kramer.



February 28, 2016 at 09:53 PM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - February 27, 2016 at 03:34 PM

DB

“ *Dave, Cheryl Johnson and Boys purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Marie E. Kramer.*



Dave, Cheryl Johnson and Boys - February 27, 2016 at 11:11 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marie E. Kramer.*



February 26, 2016 at 02:41 PM

JG

“ *Juliana B Geiser lit a candle in memory of Marie E. Kramer*



Juliana B Geiser - February 25, 2016 at 12:11 PM

JG

Rest in Peace. Marie, I was privileged to know you. You shared your wisdom and smile with everyone. Hope you find someone to play scrabble in heaven. Julie Geiser

Juliana B Geiser - February 25, 2016 at 12:19 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marie E. Kramer.*



February 25, 2016 at 11:32 AM



“ *Rest in peace Marie. I learned so much from you throughout the years. You were always so gracious and giving of your time. And - always with a smile. Till we meet again.*
Joyce Boyne



Joyce Boyne - February 25, 2016 at 10:00 AM



“ *Karrie Mollner lit a candle in memory of Marie E. Kramer*



Karrie Mollner - February 25, 2016 at 09:38 AM



“ *Rich And Mavis Kendall lit a candle in memory of Marie E. Kramer*



Rich and Mavis Kendall - February 24, 2016 at 04:06 PM

RA

“ *Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Marie E. Kramer*



Rita Anderson - February 24, 2016 at 03:14 PM