



Maureen Thiel

October 11, 1946 - August 25, 2012

Memorial services for Maureen Dawn Thiel of rural Staples, was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, August 30, 2012 at the New Life Church of God with Pastor Mark Brown presiding, assisted by Pastor Daryl Jacobson, chaplain at Lakewood Health Systems. Maureen passed away at the age of 65 years on Saturday, August 25, 2012 at her home in Moran Township.

Maureen was born on October 11, 1946 at Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar to Bertus and Minnie (Bonnema) Van Heuveln. She graduated from Central Christian High School in Prinsburg and continued her education to obtain her nursing LPN. She was united in marriage with Gary Lee Thiel on January 21, 1967 at Prinsburg.

Maureen spent many years helping organize and running the Bertha Community Food Shelf. She worked for Lakewood Health Systems—Home Health Care for 19 years, retiring in October of 2010. While with Lakewood Health, she took great pride in bringing relief of pain to her patients through her attention to foot care and helped start the foot care department. She was an active member of Hands of Fellowship, Homemakers Club and Young Co-op Group. She was an accomplished pianist and played piano and organ for the Church of God and the Crusader's Group. She also taught piano for over 17 years.

Maureen enjoyed bird watching, her music, reading, ceramics, playing cards, and cross-stitching. She was a wonderful wife and loving mother. She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Maureen was preceded in death by her parents Bert and Minnie Van Heuveln. She is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, Gary; sons Darrin (Donna Mae) of Eagle Bend and Kevin (Sharon) of Staples; daughters Kathy of Albany and Molly (Chad) Grewe of Albany; grandchildren Justin Thiel, Holly Thiel, McKenzie Thiel, Marly Thiel, Tyler Thiel, Allisa Thiel, Devin Guse, Derick Guse, Hunter Thiel, Lily Grewe and Alex Grewe; brothers Berton (Sandy) Van Heuveln of Elbow Lake and LeMar (Norma) Van Heuveln of Larch Wood, IA; sisters Wanda Kleinhuizen of Prinsburg, Donna Plowman of Prinsburg and Wilmette (Jon) Swanson of Lawrence, SC; and many nieces, nephews and friends. She is also survived by her cousin and special friend Judy Bonnema.

Honorary pallbearers were Judy Bonnema, Linda Ward, Susan Thiel, Jeanne Voelker, Donna Kay Selvey, Mary Ward and Wanda Kleinhuizen.

Interment was in the Moran—Germania Cemetery, rural Staples.

Tribute Wall



“ *It has been a long time since we have spoken so my memories are mostly from the days we used to run around with the boys. It was fun having cousins close to our age and lived on a farm. I know you parents had a lot of good times together in the earlier years too. You two made a great couple and left a lasting impression on many. Take care Gary.*

August 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our sincere sympathies. Maureen was one of those special people that was always giving, always smiling, very compassionate. May God grant you peace as you go through your grieving and adjustment. To God be the glory. "Without Him, where would we be" That family is very musical and it gives us great joy that they used it to God's glory.*

Helen Beekman - August 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gary and Family,
My thoughts and prayers are out to you at this time. Please know that I enjoyed Maureen so much, even as a youngster she could make me laugh with her charming wit. Her talents were shared at many of the weddings, she gave of herself so freely. She will be a special part of many of our memories. God be with you.*

Jill Riesgraf - August 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ We are sorry for your loss Gary and children and grandchildren. Though we are at some distance, we still feel the loss of a special aunt, sister, friend to many. We are praying for you all in these difficult days.

Herm & Dee VN

Deadre & Herm Van Niejenhuis - August 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ I worked with Maureen for a short time in Home Care-during that time she made such an impact in my life! She took me under her wing & helped me adjust to my new job. We shared stories about our lives & she had such wonderful advice for me as I was going through a rough time with my teenage son. Maureen was a genuinely kind person who will be missed by many. She was an angel here on earth & I feel so blessed to have known her.

Kris Suhl - August 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ A tribute to auntie Maureen is that she was a wonderful, caring, loving, smiling, taking things like diabetes which I have had TYPE 1 for 50 years as it requires and with the good and the bad. When I met her the first time she had a beautiful smile that no one could ever forget. She was always in my heart and prayers with her struggles. I will always remember the beautiful person she was.

Colleen Swanson - August 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Gary and Children and Grandchildren:

I am so terribly sorry to hear about Maureen. My heart goes out to you all.

Maureen is now in the loving arms of Jesus, bearing no more pain. May God be with you all during this painful time in your lives. She was a wonderful person, you hear it all the time from different people.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding".

Proverbs 3:5

We always wonder why. God Bless.

Sandy Walker South - August 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM