



Bertilla "Tootie" Andersen

March 15, 1924 - January 6, 2014

Bertilla "Tootie" Andersen, 89 of Arcadia, died Monday, January 6, 2014 at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 10, 2014 at St. John's Catholic Church in Arcadia. The Celebrant will be Fr. Gary Snyder. Concelebrant will be Fr. Richard Remmes. Music will be by Darlene Leiting and the St. John's Choir. Lector for the funeral mass will be Mary Andersen. Gift Bearers will be: Sarah Swanson, Andrea Lawler, Jennie Andersen, and Maddie Andersen. Casket Bearers will be: Sarah Swanson, Ben Andersen, Andrea Lawler, Ryan Lawler, Jennie Andersen, Mike Andersen, and Maddie Andersen. The St. John's Ladies Guild and the Arcadia American Legion Auxiliary will form an honor guard for the funeral mass. Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery in Arcadia.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 3:30 p.m. on Thursday where there will be a rosary by St. John's Ladies Guild at 4 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service at 6:30 p.m. by St. John's Parish.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Tootie's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Born on March 15, 1924 at Arcadia, Iowa, Bertilla was the daughter of Peter and Mary (Hugeback) Schmitz. She spent her entire lifetime in the Arcadia area and attended St. John's School. On June 4, 1946 she married Leon Andersen at St. John's Church in Arcadia with Fr. Mathias Stork officiating.

The couple farmed in the Arcadia area for 7 years and then moved to town where Tootie worked as a bookkeeper for Schmitz Implement and later for Andersen Parts and Service. She then worked for 34 years in the United States Postal Office retiring on July 31, 1987 as postmaster. Tootie was a member of St. John's Parish, Parish Ladies Guild, and the Arcadia American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include her children: Jim Andersen and his wife Mary of Denison, Kathy Lawler and her husband Greg of Aurora, IL, Nancy Schmitz and her husband Dale of Arcadia, John Andersen and friend Shelli Peck of Ames; her grandchildren: Sarah Swanson, Ben Andersen, Andrea Lawler, Ryan Lawler, Jennie Andersen, Mike Andersen, and Maddie Andersen; her great-grandchildren: Alyssa, Brennan, and Camdyn Swanson, and Lincoln Andersen; her sisters: Marie Speyer of Carroll, and Norma Berger of Carroll; her sisters-in-law: Alice Schmitz of Arcadia, Florence Schmitz of Carroll, and Ruth Andersen of Arcadia; as well as many nieces, nephews, and other extended relatives.

Tootie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Leon in 2005; and her siblings: Florentine Rupiper, Agnes Rupiper, Lawrence Schmitz, Lewis Schmitz, and Leo Schmitz.

Tribute Wall

KD

“ *Many fond memories of Tootie, her random hugs & smiles when I took care of her. God bless you all. You have my sympathy.*

Katie (Gehling) DeWeese - January 10, 2014 at 10:27 AM

MB

“ *I have fond memories of going into the post office and always being greeted with a warm smile. Your mother was such a caring person and set a wonderful example of treating everyone with kindness. You were so fortunate to have parents that loved each other and their family so much--your mother set the bar high for all of you.*

Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Gary and Mary Brazee (Timmerman)

Mary Timmerman Brazee - January 08, 2014 at 06:52 PM

SF

“ Nancy, Jim, John, and Kathy...Your Mother touched so many hearts throughout her life, I am one of those hearts. The few years that I had the pleasure to share with Tootie were filled with laughs, smiles, incredible stories of her and your father, you kids (dont worry Nancy I wont share them here) and life in general. You were always (and I do mean always) in her thoughts and heart. I hope you all find peace at the passing of your Mom, she is with your Father and this is where she has wanted to be for some time. Remember not these past few years but the years that came before, those are the memories that Tootie would want you to have of her. I will miss your Mother and the random hugs we shared, the kisses she gave on my cheeks, the smiles, the tears, the laughs, I'm going to miss her pink fuzzy socks, we always joked about those pink fuzzy socks and Nancy your name usually came up in the conversation...she was one of my favorites, she will always be a favorite.

*Rest in Peace my dear Friend, Fear no more for you are home,
Worry not for those you left behind, it is through the love you shared
and the memories you made for each of us that we will be alright.*

Stasia Fehring - January 07, 2014 at 05:58 PM

SF

“ Stasia Fehring lit a candle in memory of Bertilla "Tootie" Andersen



Stasia Fehring - January 07, 2014 at 05:28 PM

DL

“ I will remember Tootie as always being such a caring person. She always had a bandaid for my scrapes from a basketball game in the driveway and a Pepsi from the the basement refrigerator to cool us down on a hot day Living across the street from Tootie always let me know that I was welcome at the Andersen house Leon and Tootie will always have a special place in my memories Your little neighbor boy Doug Leiting

Doug Leiting - January 06, 2014 at 08:39 PM

SL

Tootie was a wonderful aunt. I will miss her very much. Such a beautiful lady, caring person, so kind, and will always be missed. Now she can be with Leon. Sue Louis

sue and jim louis - January 07, 2014 at 08:32 PM

MA

I was Hospice Volunteer for Tootie so I do not know her well, but I did enjoy visiting with her. I could tell she loved her family very much.

Marie - January 09, 2014 at 10:22 AM