



Geraldine Kleespies

September 4, 1925 - April 27, 2014

Geraldine "Geri" Kleespies, 88, of Breda, died Sunday, April 27, 2014 at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 1, 2014 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Breda. The Celebrant will be Fr. Gary Snyder. Music will be by Marilyn Hundling and the St. Bernard's Choir. Gift Bearers will be Geri's children: Pat Schroeder and Mike Kleespies. Eucharistic Minister will be Joan Heiman. Casket Bearers will be Adam Kleespies, Jake Kleespies, Amanda Kleespies, Ashlie Koenig, Nick Schroeder, and Justin Carpenter. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Breda on Wednesday, after 4:30 p.m. where there will be a Rosary at 5 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service at 6:30 p.m.

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

Born on September 4, 1925, near Mt. Carmel, Iowa, Geraldine was the daughter of Anton and Mayme (Lammers) Heiman. She attended Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School, and later graduated from St. Bernard's High School in

Breda. On February 19, 1946 she was united in marriage to John Kleespies at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Breda. The couple lived in Stuart, Iowa for a short time before returning to Breda in 1948. John and Geri owned and operated J & J Café in Breda for several years. Geri worked as office secretary for the Farm Service Association from 1962 to 1982 when she retired.

Geri was very generous with her time volunteering at various places in the community. She was active with the St. Bernard's Ladies guild, and the St. Bernard's Quilters. She enjoyed needle work, fishing, pheasant hunting, golfing, having fun, and traveling to see family and friends. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family. Geri was a member of the Breda American Legion Auxiliary, St. Bernard's Ladies Guild, The National Catholic Society of Foresters, and St. Bernard's Catholic Church.

Survivors include: her children: Pat Schroeder and her husband Marty of Leander, Texas, and Mike Kleespies and his wife Lori of Lawler; grandchildren: Ashlie Koenig, Nick Schroeder, Adam Kleespies, Amanda Kleespies, and Jake Kleespies; two great grandchildren: Karly and Coby Koenig; a sister Bernice Henry of Newport Beach, California; her sister-in-law: Joan Heiman of Jefferson.

Geri was preceded in death by her parents, husband John, her brothers: Edwin Heiman, Eugene Heiman, Merle Heiman, Richard Heiman, Clarence Heiman, Harold Heiman, and her sister: Ella Mae Fee.

Tribute Wall

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“ Although I didnt know Geraldine Kleespies.
I wish to send my condolences to the family. I know how difficult it is to lose someone close in Death. Yet there is something that comforted me that I wanted to share with you.
It was never God purpose for us to Die. Thats why at 1 corinthians 15:26 DEATH is call our ENEMY. God promise to do away with our ENEMY at Revelation 21:3&4.
God also give us a hope for our Dead love one at John 5:28&29.
The Bible's promises is indeed comforting. Understandably though this is still a very grievous time. Again my Deepest Sympathies

Teri Morgan - June 25, 2014 at 07:27 PM

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“ My prayers and sympathy to all of you. Geraldine was a delight! So sorry for your loss.
Pat Polking Hogan

Pat Hogan - May 01, 2014 at 12:26 PM

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“ Mike and Family,
Sorry for your loss. A Mother is one who can take the place of others, but whose place can never be taken. We will keep you in our prayers.



Lyn Knobbe-Krause - April 29, 2014 at 08:20 PM

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“ Always enjoyed visiting your Mother at the nursing home. Deepest Sympathy!

Doug Polking

Doug Polking - April 28, 2014 at 04:29 PM

DP

“ Mike, Pat & Families - So sorry that your mother has passed away. I have many, many wonderful memories of her from back in the 70's when we worked together at the ASCS office. She was very devoted to her family and her work, but was most proud of you as you grew and had families of your own. You are all in our prayers for comfort and strength as the days go by. Deb (Wilson) Porter

Deb Porter - April 28, 2014 at 11:56 AM