



Lavina C. Willenborg

March 9, 1932 - December 4, 2011

Lavina Willenborg, 79 of Carroll, died Sunday, December 4, 2011 at the Iowa Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Friday, December 9, 2011 at Holy Spirit Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Johnson. Music will be by Barb McDermott and the Holy Spirit Choir. Lector for the funeral mass will be Patty Alley. Gift Bearers will be: Sara Westphal, David Westphal, and Sarah Weitl. Eucharistic Ministers will be: LaVerne Greving, Marilyn Dopheide, and Julie Willenborg. Casket Bearers will be: Scott Weitl, Travis Westphal, Dan Owen, Jim Dopheide, Denny Willenborg, and Dick Tunning. The Carroll Catholic Daughters of Americas will form an honor guard for the funeral mass. Burial will be at Holy Angels Cemetery in Roselle. Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 3:30 p.m. Thursday where there will be a rosary at 4 p.m. by the Carroll Catholic Daughters of Americas and a Christian Wake Service by Holy Spirit Parish at 7 p.m. The casket will be moved to Holy Spirit Church at 8:30 a.m., Friday where visitation will resume until time of the funeral mass.

Online condolences may be left for Lavina's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Born on March 9, 1932 at Dedham, Iowa, Lavina was the daughter of Theodore and Anna (Bekehermes) Tunning. She grew up in Dedham and attended St. Joseph's School. On January 16, 1951 she married Paul Willenborg at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dedham. Lavina was a homemaker and helped her husband with the grain and livestock operation in the Dedham and Roselle area. In 1991, she moved to Carroll where she was currently living. Tootie enjoyed quilting, camping, cooking, playing cards and golfing. She had a great love for her entire family and especially enjoyed babysitting her grandchildren and her great-grandson. Lavina was a member of Holy Spirit Parish, Parish Ladies Guild, and the Carroll Catholic Daughters of Americas.

Survivors include two daughters: Karen Willenborg of Ankeny, and Jan Weitl and her husband Mike of Carroll; two grandchildren: Sara (Travis) Westphal of Prairie City, and Scott (Sarah) Weitl of Carroll; one great-grandson, David Westphal; one sister, Leona (Edwin) Dopheide of Carroll; one brother-in-law, Ed (Marlene) Willenborg of Carroll; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Paul in 1988; her son in infancy, Teddy Willenborg; her sisters, Alma Sporrer, and Leona and Dorothy Tunning in infancy; and her brother, Norbert "Nub" Tunning.

Tribute Wall

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“ Tootie was a wonderful person full of life and will be missed! I remember the family get togethers at her house on the farm. We had fun running up and down the stairs playing. I will cherish all the stories I have heard especially the one where Bobby J squirted Tootie when she was changing his diaper. You are all in our prayers.

Teresa and Bob Goodson and family - December 08, 2011 at 12:28 PM

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“ Deepest sympathies to the family, especially Mike, Karen, Jan, and Leona. Love, Bonnie (Dopheide) & Luis Melbourne, Australia

Bonnie Dopheide - December 07, 2011 at 10:47 PM

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“ Keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers. We were very sorry to hear of your loss. Tootie will be missed by all of us.

Charlotte, Travis, Teresa & Bob Goodson & family - December 07, 2011 at 10:19 PM

SG

“ We wish we could be there to celebrate Tootie's life! Please know we are thinking of the entire family and remembering what a great woman she was. We enjoyed having her attend the many ISU vs. Iowa tailgates and playing cards. My favorite memory is when the boys always called her Lavina and smothered her in kisses. She both loved and hated it at the same time. She was a great person and will be dearly missed. God needed another angel to watch over all of us. :)

Shelly Greving - December 07, 2011 at 10:54 AM

CL

“ Jan & family, you all are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Cathy Lawyer - December 06, 2011 at 08:23 PM

EU

“ I am so sorry of your families loss. She was a great lady and will be missed. My thoughts are with you and the rest of your family

Erika Uhlenkamp - December 06, 2011 at 04:28 PM

GS

“ My sympathy to your family during the loss of your mother. Jan I wont be able to make the services on Thursday so wanted to let you know Ann and I are praying for you and your family.

Gary Schmitz - December 06, 2011 at 10:16 AM