



Harriet Klein

April 5, 1919 - October 27, 2012

E. Harriet Klein, 93, Bismarck, passed away on October 27, 2012, at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center, Bismarck. Cremation will take place. Services will be held at a later date. E. Harriet Gilbertson Klein was born on April 5, 1919, in Lignite, ND, the daughter of Carl and Olina Gilbertson. When she was six years old, she moved with her family from Lignite to Kenmare, ND, where her father was school superintendent. In 1940, Harriet married Richard Karl Klein and they lived in Mott, ND, for some years before moving to Bismarck in 1946 where Richard took up the position of director of secondary education for the Department of Public Instruction. Both Harriet and Richard soon became very involved in Bismarck's music scene. Harriet was a talented pianist, accompanist, organist, and singer and was active for well over 50 years in many different genres and organizations in the music community. It would be impossible to count or list all of Harriet's accomplishments, which included serving as organist at United Methodist Church, and accompanying the Miss North Dakota Pageants, various choirs, soloists, and guest artists brought to Bismarck for concerts. "Harriet Klein Day" was proclaimed officially by the mayor of Bismarck for her outstanding service to the community in music. Harriet was not only a gracious, beautiful, and talented woman, but also a devoted wife and mother, as well as a true friend to all who knew her well. May she rest in peace! She just may already be accompanying some of the Angels as they sing in Heaven. Harriet and her music will be missed by many. Harriet is survived by her daughters, Karen Cameron Brook and

Colleen Erhard Joerchel; her son, Cameron Klein; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard, in April 1994.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ Colleen, I am so sorry for your loss. I was just thinking about you in connection with our time together in Moscow, and found this obituary. I hope you are well and wonder where you are. If you see this, I would love to hear from you. I work at Michigan State University College of Law. You can find me. Barbara Bean

Barbara Bean - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ I remember one evening at choir practice years ago Harriet was late. She came in and seamlessly took over playing the piano, mid-song, from whomever was accompanying us in her absence. It was as if she was playing a different song. Others played the notes, but Harriet made music. She was a treasure!

Valerie Albrecht - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Harriet was a treasured PEO sister and a wonderful musician. She will be missed by all her sisters.

Phyllis Lindblom - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I have missed seeing Harriet around town in recent years. She was always eager for a chat. We first met when we sang in the BSC Community Choir in the '70s. Our family sends condolences on the loss of your mother and grandmother, a lovely lady.

Jordis Conrad - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Hello Karen, Colleen and Cameron, I've known Harriet since the Miss ND Pageant in 1969--and we made music together on many occassions. She was always lovely, gracious and creative. My sympathy and love. Susan

Susan Lundberg - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Harriet was always a shining light in the music community of Bismarck.

Joanne Pearson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ I knew Harriet, though not as well as her husband, when Richard worked in the Dept. of Public Instruction with my mom, Mary Shinn. She was indeed a gracious lady. It was great to read about her wonderful musical accomplishments. Her contribution to the Arts in Bismarck will be missed by all.

Helen Shinn Beavin - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ Harriet was a wonderful lady who was so nurturing to young musicians. She accompanied so many of us for so many years. I will never forget her great talent and her calm, supportive and encouraging presence in my life. Heartfelt condolences to Karen, Colleen and Cammy

Corliss F. Nelson, II - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“My deepest sympathies to you on the loss of your wonderful mother and grandmother. You all were her proudest accomplishments and I know she will be missed. I am grateful that she is free and with her Lord. What a privilege it was to make music with her. Cameron, your devotion to her over these many last years was a great gift to her and to all of us who loved her.

Leslee Smith - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ME

“What a beautiful lady. Im sorry for your loss Cameron. I will be thinking of your family tonight.

Melissa - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WD

“Harriet was a dear friend. We have so many fond memories of her playing the organ in church and for so many special events. We remember her as a very talented and gracious lady. She was a part of our daughter's Friday Bible Study for several years, and will always be remembered with love.

Warren and Eileen DeKrey - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“Harriet's piano playing was a treat after lunch. Now safe in the arms of Jesus, with a totally new outlook, I say, bon voyage', Harriet, and strike up the chorus!

Trella w/ Activities @ MSLCC - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM