



Lillian Welder

September 26, 1918 - January 21, 2014

Lillian Welder, 95, Bismarck, died January 21, 2014, at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center, Bismarck. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 am Saturday, January 25, at Church of Corpus Christi, Bismarck, with Rev. Terry Wipf officiating. Burial will be held at 10:00 am Monday, January 27, at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan. Visitation will be held from 12:00 noon – 7:00 pm Friday, January 24, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a prayer service will begin at 7:00 pm. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Lillian Schatz Welder was born September 26, 1918, near Zeeland, the daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Seiler Schatz. She grew up on the farm near Zeeland and attended school in Zeeland. She left home to work at St. Michael's Hospital in Grand Forks and Industrial Tool & Supply in Minneapolis. On December 27, 1945, she married Peter Welder at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Zeeland. In 1947, Pete and Lillian moved to their farm east of Zeeland, where they raised grain, cattle, hogs, poultry and provided a home for their six children. They lived there 47 years. During this time, Lillian partnered with Peter to keep the farm running smoothly, whether she was cooking, cleaning, canning, gardening, milking cows, or unloading hay bales. In 1993, they moved to Zeeland where they enjoyed their retirement with gardening, fishing trips to the Missouri River and frequent visits from their children and families. In 2005 they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Peter died in December 2007. Lillian had a special place in her heart for the

people of Zeeland and she looked forward to brunch on Sundays after church and lunch at the Senior Center. They, in turn, watched over her and always made sure she was okay. Lillian instilled a strong sense of family in her children and was never happier than when the children and grandchildren came to visit. Almost every Christmas with the family was celebrated at her house right up until she moved to Bismarck in 2010. In Bismarck she lived at Touchmark Retirement Community for over a year before her health required her to move to Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center. Lillian was a talented homemaker, a wonderful cook and baker, and enjoyed crocheting and embroidery. She loved spending time in her garden and enjoyed playing cards and Scrabble. Most of all, Lillian was a woman of faith. Her love for her family and everyone else was apparent in her actions as she guided her children, welcomed friends and relatives into her home and did whatever she could to help and serve others. Lillian was an active member of St. Andrew's Church, the Christian Mother's Society, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Zeeland Senior Center. She is survived by her children, Thomas and Jean O'Hara Welder of Bismarck; Anna Marie Welder of Fargo; Richard and Judi Krauter Welder of Alexandria, MN; Vernon and Joyce Fyllesvold Welder of Bismarck; Beverly and David Groth of Fargo; and Bonnie and Rick Siewert of Lincoln, NE; eight grandchildren, Kathryn Carl Dutchin, Sean Rachael Welder, Ryan Welder, Sarah Nathan Schmidt, Jennifer Vining, Lisa Wayne McConnell, Jessica Brooks Bernhagen, and Michael Siewert; six great-grandchildren, Sydney and Samantha Dutchin, Chase and Crew Schmidt, Corinne McConnell, and Burke Bernhagen; one brother, Aloys Schatz of Mandan; three sisters, Eugenia Welk of Bismarck, Rita Aberle of Strasburg, and Rosemary Kraft of Bismarck. She was preceded in death by her husband Peter; her parents; and ten brothers and sisters. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to either Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center or The North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Lillian was a beautiful person. I knew her through my Public Health service in Zeeland. She was always so kind, thoughtful and giving. I enjoyed my visits with her every time. I've thought about her many times after I quit going to Zeeland, and am sorry to hear of her passing. May she rest in eternal peace. She is possibly serving as an angel for God.* Cathy Brendel

Cathy Brendel - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *The Welder family, I'm sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. What a wonderful woman. I can still taste her German chocolate cakes she baked for us boys. She will always be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Dennis Kress - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *We are very sad to hear of Aunt Lillian's passing. We had only two times but, along with Uncle Pete, she made us feel very welcome and embraced our connecting with family on my Dad's Mike side. God bless her and her family.*

Mike & Kathy Schatz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

YA

“ *Anna, We were very sorry to read in the Forum of your mother's passing. Our thoughts have been with you and we want to extend our sympathy to you in the loss of your mother. Eric and Evelyn Butcher, Fargo*

yahoo - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ To all Pete and Lilly Welder family, My deepest sympathies to you all. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Ken Wald - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Dear Welder Family, Your mom and dad were such wonderful people and great neighbors on the farm. I'm so glad that I got to know them as they both were such inspiring people. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Lillian will be missed by many. I will cherish the wonderful memories of your parents. God Bless.

Lisa Lacher - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Anna, our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family. I never really knew your Mother but I felt I did because of you telling me what a very special lady she was, and I always figured that is where you inherited your caring and outgoing personality.

Carol Berg - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ My sincere condolences to the Welder family on the loss of your beautiful Mother.

Pam Hartwig - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Welder family Our heartfelt sympathy in your loss

Terry & Esther Focke - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear Welder family My sympathy to all of you on the death of Lillian. What a nice woman she was and a great family she and Peter raised and loved. How privileged we were here at Corpus Christi Church to have Lillian attend. I remember when she attended our newcomers welcome and how friendly, loving and beautiful looking she always was. May she rest in eternal peace.

Sister Ivo Schoch - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Dear Bev, I did not know your Mother; however, she must have been a fine woman to have raised you into the woman you are today. I am thankful she provided me with a fine friend like you. May God bless you and your family. I am sorry for your loss. Jane DuBord-Hill

Jane DuBord Hill - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Yvonne, you still are a part of the Welder Gang!

Bev - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

YE

“ Lillian was an AMAZING lady. I have some of the best memories of her and her family around the kitchen table telling stories and laughing!! I always snuck away from my family for awhile during the holidays to make my stop at my "adopted" family...The Welder's in Zeeland. Thanks Welder's for sharing your parents with me. It meant so much to me to be a part of the Welder Gang. Yvonne Engelhart

Yvonne Engelhart - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM