



Anieta Klinzing

November 28, 1909 - September 18, 2013

Anieta Klinzing, age 103, of Sextonville passed away in her sleep on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at Pine Valley Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center. She was born on November 28, 1909 at Rewey, Wisconsin to Ernest and Dora (Martin) Stephens. After high school she received her teaching certificate from Platteville State Teachers College. The wonderful harmony of Anieta and her sister Lela's voices were in great demand at many different occasions in their earlier years.

She was an avid reader of all genre and donated many books to area libraries especially the Rock Springs one that lost all of their books in a flood. For over 40 years she composed a special Christmas poem for her family and friends. Her first teaching assignment was in New Diggins - 2 years, Sextonville -6 years, and Dodgeville – 5 years. After her marriage, she was a remedial reading teacher in the Richland School District. Anieta was a very dedicated caring teacher who loved spending extra time with children who needed individual help. Several of her former students still kept in touch with her until now.

Carl and Anieta were married August 28, 1943 and celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary recently. They farmed for 17 years and moved to Sextonville in 1960. She loved to entertain the Sextonville Needy Helpers, Homemakers and her family and friends, which gave her an opportunity to use many of her beautiful collection of antique dishes.

Throughout her marriage they traveled to every state of the union except

Hawaii, made many trips to their cabin in northern Wisconsin, and made many trips to Nebraska to see the cranes, ducks at Horicon and searching for eagles' nests. Anieta enjoyed fishing, canoeing, crocheting, rosemaling, cooking, needlepoint, and antiquing.

In 2011 she received a plaque from Delta Kappa Gamma for 71 years membership. In 2012 she also received a plaque from the George Reams Chapter of the D.A.R. for 60 years of service. In both she was the oldest, living charter member in the state.

Anieta is survived by her beloved husband of 70 years, Carl. She is also survived by five cousins, Eulalia (Fruit-Hall) Boak, Richard Martin, Patricia (Martin) Soderholm, Ramona (Heffron) Eberhart, and Donna Rae (James) Clasen and her husband Robert and son Douglas, who from childhood developed a special relationship with Anieta built on their mutual love of story telling. Other survivors include her sister-in-law Doris (Klinzing) Lee, nieces Sue Lee, her daughter Jennifer and Virginia (Lee) Stigler, husband Steve and children Goeff, Andrew, Elizabeth and Margaret. She also leaves dear and loving friends, a special cousin, Bonnie Klinzing and longtime dear friends, Dan and Helen Berns.

Anieta was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Lela Stephens, Brother-in-Law, Robert E. Lee, cousins Eleanor (Fruit) Kenny, Edgar and Harold Fruit.

Funeral Services and a Delta Kappa Gamma Service will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 11:00 AM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home 26777 Jelland Drive in Richland Center, Wisconsin. Pastor Ed Jones will officiate with burial in the Ash Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Saturday at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home from 10:00 AM until the time of services at 11:00 AM. Memorials may be given to a charity of your choice. On line condolences can be made at www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Carl,
On behalf of the members of the Ted Dolphin family from Mineral Point, WI I would like to express our deepest sympathy for the loss of Anieta. We all learned so much from Anieta at the many Kirkpatrick Cemetery Association meetings held at Mom and Dad's home in Mineral Point. I assumed the secretary-treasurer obligations for the cemetery when Anieta could no longer handle it due to distance from the bank. It was always good to visit with you also. I will add the obituary notice for Anieta to the history of the Kirkpatrick Cemetery Association records. Again, you have our sympathy.

Nancy (Dolphin) Bockhop
Belmont WI 53510

Nancy Bockhop - Belmont, WI - Kirkpatrick Cemetery Association - September 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Carl--My sincerest sympathy to you. As you probably remember, Anieta was sort of a mentor to all us girls in the Sextomville area. What a wonderful lady.

My prayers are with you.

Donna (Ingmire) Rose - Richland Center, WI - friend - September 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ No one other than those who were so fortunate to have Mrs. Klinzing as their "second mom" will ever understand the positive impact she has had on the lives of children with whom she worked.

I met her as my 3rd grade teacher in the Sextonville school. Since my name was Anita, we immediately connected. She invited me over to her home after school, during which time she gave me piano lessons and inspired in me the love of poetry, books and learning. I knew immediately that I wanted to be a teacher just like her.

Hour after hour she spent with me during my years of youth, asking me to memorize poetry and return the next day to recite the poem I had memorized, giving me a piano lesson and asking me to return to play what I had learned. It was from her home I learned to love dishes and antique glassware. Little did I know back then what an enormous influence she was having over my life.

Because of her, I went to college to study English Literature, Poetry, and Music and to become a teacher. I graduated licensed to teach both English and Music, and spent a great deal of my professional life as a high school English teacher, directing high school musicals. It was to my surprise, while I was talking to my students just prior to them going on stage for our production of Hello Dolly, that she and Carl came walking into the room, she carrying a corsage for me to wear. I have continued my work in public education, currently serving as the Director of Instruction in a district just south of Madison, and continuing my education, earning my Masters Degree in Counseling and my Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership. Over the many years we kept in touch, writing letters and occasionally talking over the phone. I welcomed her Christmas letter each year, reminded of the joy she took in reading and writing poetry.

It is a sad day that we have lost her here on Earth, but a joyous one in that her spirit will always live on in those she has influenced so dramatically.

Anita - September 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We loved visiting with Anieta and Carl about family and looked forward to her Christmas letter each year.

Jean Klinzing Sieger & Don Sieger - Saint Cloud, MN - Cousins - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Carl,
We just heard of your loss. What a wonderful life the two of you had. My parents and I want you to know you are in our prayers. We are all eternally in your debt for the sale of that 1/2 acre to us. It was such a blessing to have Ed and Mabel be part of our lives.
The Praedels,
David, Gerald and Carol

David Praedel, Gerald and Carol Praedel - Madison, WI - Friends - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ Anieta was a special friend and neighbor. My sympathy goes out to you in your loss.

Gloria Harper - Noxon, MT - old neighbor - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Anieta will be missed. Conversation was always great at the dinner table. She set a fancy table with our favorite fried chicken dinners.

Richard and Marlynn Klinzing - Babbitt, MN - cousin - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Carl,

As you know Anieta was a long time member of our Black Hawk Daughters of the American Revolution. I will bring a copy of the State DAR Newsletter in case you did not get to see the recent article. We will miss her so much. Our deepest sympathy in your loss.

Loretta McCarty-Black Hawk DAR

Loretta McCarthy - Richland Center, WI - friend - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM