



Erma Alice Fry

April 29, 1920 - April 4, 2018

The last chapter in the life of Erma A. Fry closed on April 4th, 2018, just 25 days short of her 98th birthday. Born in Marshall Township, to Loyal and Emma (Hatfield) Marshall, she grew up surrounded by family. Erma attended Richland Center High School and achieved a teaching certificate from Richland County Normal.

While teaching at the Oak Ridge one room school, she met her lifelong love, and partner in 75 years of marriage, Gerald C. Fry. When asked the secret for a long marriage, Erma said, "A good marriage is give and take, mostly give..." Gerald and Erma worked side-by-side in the cheese making business for 49 years, retiring at the Sylvan Creamery Company in 1978. Their exceptional retirement was filled with many happy times with family and friends on Red Cedar Lake camping in their RV and going fishing at the crack of dawn! They also enjoyed playing cards, snowmobiling and traveling to Canada, Alaska and the west coast in the RV.

Home making and family were her true passions. She was a member of the Sylvan Homemakers for 50 years. Her delicious family meals with homemade bread and pie, bountiful garden and fragrant roses delighted many. Her door was always open and her cookie jar was full. Erma kept a daily diary for 61 years which she was very proud that she never missed a day!

Erma is survived by her husband Gerald; daughter Alice (Clinton) Soule; three grandchildren Danny (Lori) Fry, Deborah (Kevin) McCoy, Tammy Fry (Walter

Judy); three great grandchildren Bill (Ashley) Fry, Michael (Amber) McCoy and James McCoy; six great great grandchildren Dominyk, and MariJessy Fry, Bradley, Aliyah, Tatum, and Kevin "Harry" McCoy; along with sister in laws Hazel Marshal and Fern Bingham; many nieces and nephews; dear friends Norma and the late Jim Waldsmith, Jeanette and John Kaderavek and special neighbors Nate, Barbara, Logan and Brenna Olson; all her Parker cousins and loved visiting the Parker Centennial Farm for family gatherings.

She was preceded in death by her son and daughter-in-law Frederick and Mary Fry; great granddaughter Heather Fry; her siblings and in-laws LaVern (Gerry) Marshall, Raymond Marshall, James (Patricia) Marshall, Marvel (Donald) Gerhardt and Amy (Melvin) Crary.

Erma will long be remembered for her unwavering faith, her great strength and impeccable character, and beautiful smile. God bless the memory of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend.

A Celebration of Erma's Wonderful Life will be held at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home on Monday, April 16th, 2018 at Noon with Ron Fruit officiating. Burial will be held in the Richland Center Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Monday, April 16th, 2018 at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home from 10:00 AM until the time of service. On line condolences can be made at www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Richland Center Cemetery

Richland Center, WI

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR 16. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Clary Memorial Funeral & Cremation Service, LLC
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Celebration of Life

APR 16. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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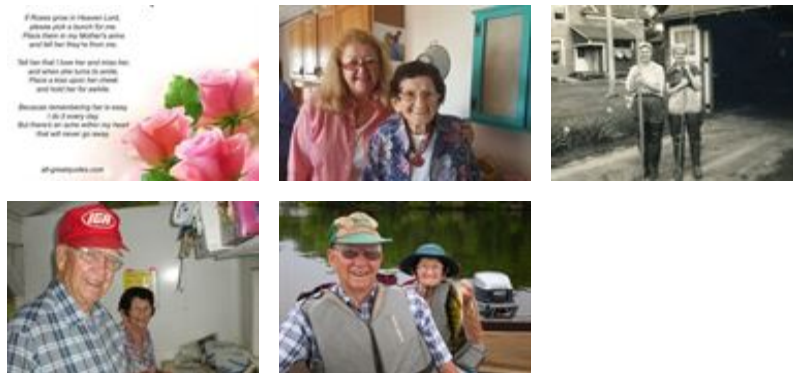
“ *Uncle Gerald and family - I remember some great family get-togethers, and it seems that your family were always there participating in the fun and laughter that happened whenever a bunch of the Fry clan were together. Aunt Erma knew how to enjoy life, and I'm sure she has left many of us with lots of fond memories.*

Norm Keller (and Mary Ellen Keller)

Norm Keller - April 17, 2018 at 11:06 AM



“ 196 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clary Memorial Funeral Home - April 12, 2018 at 10:13 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Erma Alice Fry.*



April 10, 2018 at 09:46 PM

WF

“ We love you !! The Friday & Kopecky families. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Erma Alice Fry.



We love you !! The Friday & Kopecky families. - April 09, 2018 at 04:15 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Erma Alice Fry.



April 09, 2018 at 01:55 PM

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“ I enjoyed knowing her as a neighbor on Sylvan Ridge and as a friend of my mother's. Our thoughts of sympathy to your family.
Ellen Miller

Ellen Miller - April 07, 2018 at 08:28 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Erma Alice Fry.



April 06, 2018 at 10:41 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Erma Alice Fry.*



April 06, 2018 at 06:32 PM



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Clary Memorial Funeral Home - April 06, 2018 at 12:35 PM

PJ

So very sorry to hear this...she was one beautiful lady....blessings and sympathy to the family..

Paula Olson and Jim - April 06, 2018 at 09:54 PM

LB

Gerald and Family, Sorry to hear of your loss she was a very Special Lady. Remembering of the great times we had when we went to Canada Fishing with the group, and what fun we all had. Sympathy and blessings to you all. Lee Barreau

Lee Barreau - April 10, 2018 at 06:26 PM

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She was the only grandmother I had in my life that I can remember. She had given me strength when needed and was always there for me. Taught me how to catch my first fish after Dan and I got married on the camping trip up north where we celebrated our first anniversary. Always remember playing six handed euchre to see who did the dishes, guys vs. gals. She always covered the mirror so there was no looking into gramps hand. Also learned when you played with them, you waited your turn to play your card even if all you had in your hand was low cards. There is so many things I learned from her. She always treated me like her own granddaughter, even though I was an in-law. She showed me what I had missed growing up without grandparents. Boy, did I miss alot that I didn't know I was missing. I love you Gram and will miss you!

Lori

Lori - April 11, 2018 at 04:59 PM