



Lucille Marie Stanek

October 17, 1926 - August 25, 2013

Lucille M. Stanek, age 86, of Hillsboro, died Sunday, August 25, 2013 at Pine Valley Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center in Richland Center after a 13 year long battle with cancer. Lucille was born on October 17, 1926 at home in Greenwood Township, Vernon County the daughter of Charles Sr. and Frances (Shema) Verbsky. On September 26, 1951 she married Edward W. Stanek at St. John's Catholic Church in Dilly, Wisconsin.

Lucille was a country gal at heart, believed in being a good neighbor, and loved and enjoyed nature. She was a long-time member of the Yuba-Hillsboro Czech Singers, and was listed as a Czech interpreter through the State of Wisconsin. She was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Hillsboro, St. Ann's Altar Society, Catholic Foresters, Samo Lodge 32, and Cesky Den. Lucille grew up on a farm during hard times in the 1930s and because of it, she knew the value of saving and conservatism. She attended Hillsboro High School during WWII, walking 2 miles every day just to meet the bus so she could go to school. She loved playing the coronet and truly enjoyed old time Czech polka dances with her beloved partner, Eddie, making many rounds about the dance floors of Yuba and Hillsboro.

Lucille worked hard next to Eddie on the farm, driving tractor in the fields, baling hay, cutting wood for winter and milking cows, and truly enjoyed doing so. She raised a huge garden every year, and supplied neighbors and friends with ground horseradish each spring and fall. Lucille always took pride in

keeping her large lawn mowed. She had many hobbies from sewing, knitting and crocheting (selling many afghans) to refinishing furniture, chair caning, woodworking, preserving her garden produce, baking kolaches and rholiki, and picking out and selling hickory nut meats (as many as 88 pounds one year). She was also a blood donor. Lucille was always busy and enjoyed her life, church, family and friends until cancer took over in March. Her sly wit, grin, memories of long ago, and wisdom regarding any issue will be sorely missed by family, neighbors, friends, and especially by her "cookie-eating" hunting gang.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary K. Housner of Richland Center; a sister-in-law, Eleanor Verbsky of Elroy, WI; a brother-in-law, Donald (Lorraine) Stanek of Punta Gorda, Florida; sister-in-laws, Norma and Berniece Stanek both of Hillsboro; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a brother Charles Verbsky Jr., nieces Joanne Stanek Duitsman and Susan Stanek Prats, nephews Francis Stanek and Steven Verbsky, and a great nephew Jesse Stanek.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 11:00 AM at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Hillsboro with Fr. Don Bauer officiating. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at St. Aloysius Catholic Church from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and also on Wednesday from 10:00 AM until the time of services at 11:00 AM. Burial will be held in the Mt. Vernon Cemetery in Hillsboro. "Lucille requested no flowers", preferred memorials be made to local cancer society's to help those fighting to survive cancer. Memorials may be given to: walk with G.R.A.C.E. P.O. Box 213, Richland Center, WI 53581; Scenic Hills H.O.P.E., P.O. Box 274, Hillsboro, WI 54634; or a charity of your choice. The Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center is assisting the family with arrangements. On line condolences can be

made at www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

DW

“*Mary, my deepest condolences to you. Your Mom always had a smile and was so very pleasant. I know how much you will miss her.*”

Donna Schneider - Hillsboro, WI - August 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JU

“*My deepest sympathies for the loss of your mother. She was an exceptional lady and always knew me to say hello, even after many years.*”

Judie Stanek Bull - Englewood, FL - Neighbor growing up - August 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“*Lucille was a beautiful, busy woman to know and talk to. She will always be remembered as a person that would do anything for anybody at any time. What she had done for so many in the past will never be forgotten. Our sympathy and prayers to all the family.*”

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Frye - Kendall, WI - Friend - August 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *My Sincere Sympathy on the passing of Lucille. She was a dear friend to my parents, Ray & Louise Fronk. I remember as a child, growing up visiting with Eddie & Lucille, and going to dances with my parents and the Staneks at the Yuba Opry House. (oh, fun times!!)*

Even though the years have passed since those times, I was fortunate to see Lucille and Mary having breakfast one morning at Beezers, and low and behold we were able to catch up like ole' times----she had that lovely smile and personality that I will always remember!!

So, with that, I Wish to Light a Candle in the Memory of Lucille. I will remember her fondly!!!

Diane Fronk

Diane Fronk - Tomah, WI - friend of the family - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *I have such great memories of growing up with Mary, and being on the farm with Lucille and Eddie, Lucille used to laugh with me as i tried to do farm things, She always said I might make a farm girl some day, But I never did.*

Jan Hooker - Hillsboro, WI - friend - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Mary, I did not know your mother but know what a good daughter you were to your mother. Being there faithfully for her is a a great gift of love. Your faithfulness to friends and others along with your light and lovely spirit must be the reflection of the mother you had and the gift that God gave you both.*

my deepest sympathy,

Jeannine Fournier

Jeannine Fournier - Loganville, WI - friend of Mary - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Aunt Lucille, I will always remember your smiling and welcoming face when we saw each other. Your graciousness was always a welcome home. Prayers for your peace in God's house.

Love Susan

Sue Stanek - DeForest, WI - niece - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Mary, my deepest sympathy at the loss of your mother. She was my confirmation sponsor. I picked someone with the perfect balance of honest and christian values that she applied to her life. Lucille and Eddie were good friends to ny parents, Ray and Louise Fronk. Many fun memories as we were children. Lucille will be greatly missed here on earth, but God has a place for her where there is no more pain.

Jean Watson - Hillsboro, WI - friend - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Mary,
Lucille was a wonderful strong person and so happy to have you as a daughter. An inspiration to us all. Thoughts and Prayers are with you and yours. CMott

Corrina Mott - Richland Center, WI - Friend - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Lucille was like an aunt to me I loved her chocolate cherry cake. She will always have a special place in my heart.

Mary McCumber McFadden - SC - August 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs. Stanek was not only the mother of my friend Mary, but she was also my friend. The first time I met her was when she and Mary picked me up from the Greyhound Bus stop in Richland Center way back in 1971. She was so welcoming, making me feel at home and her laugh was contagious.

Mrs. Stanek was so full of life. She and Mary came to visit my family in England and they both wanted to see everything, castles, big estates, etc. The fondest memory I have of her on their trip was seeing her play soccer in our back yard with my youngest son. She was laughing the entire time they were playing, making my son laugh too.

I shall miss her.

Vickie Kerr - Novi, MI - Friend of Mary's since 1970. - August 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I went to visit with Lucille several months ago on a rainy Sunday afternoon. There was a welcoming fire in the stove and she and Mary were having lunch. As I sat on the sofa talking away, we laughed and shared memories. It was the most comfortable place I'd been in a long time, but that's how she made you feel every time. I hope she knew how much we loved her. My son Don always expected me to do everything Lucille did and just as well. I've always said that's not possible. She was one of a kind. What a wonderful person. I have been blessed too have known her for the past twenty years

Marjorie Peasall - LaFarge, WI - friend - August 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Al has fond memories of Aunt Lucille, Uncle Eddie and cousin Mary, especially when he stayed at their home. My first memory of Aunt Lucille is when she dropped by to see our first baby, Amanda. I didn't know her well yet as I was still getting to know Al's large family in the first years of our marriage. Lucille was very warm and kind to me. I remember how she enjoyed the new baby and was so tender with her. I was not raised on a farm and was quite impressed with all the skills and talents she possessed. I was never more impressed with her abilities than when I observed the skill with which she could split wood even in her later years. I was amazed. Her independent spirit and strength of character are reasons I admire her as one of the strongest women I've known. But, it wasn't until I worked with her as election inspectors for the Town of Greenwood, that I got to know her spunk and humor. She was serious about her work at the election but she found plenty of time for fun. She liked to play tricks on the patrolman, Marvin Bell. It must have been fun for Marv to come to work the day following an election to see what surprises she had in store for him. We spent long days into the evening on election days. It was then that I really got to know and appreciate Lucille's wit and personality. And, she always treated us with her delicious hickory nut cookies. I remember her saying she always had some in the freezer in case the neighbor kids stopped by. I will especially treasure the things she shared with me about my husband's sister, whom I never knew. Aunt Lucille's affection for her was very evident when she spoke about her. She would smile and say, "Oh, that Joanne, she was a "Peach." I never visited with Aunt Lucille when she didn't speak of her beloved Eddie and her daughter Mary. Her love and devotion to her husband and her daughter, speak of the dedicated mother and wife that she was. It is with deep respect and fondness that I'll remember her. Lori Stanek

Lori Stanek - Hillsboro, WI - her nephews wife - August 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM