



Leone I. Dalles

April 28, 1926 - December 22, 2013

Dodgeville - Leone I. Dalles, age 87, of Dodgeville, passed away on Sunday, December 22, 2013 at Upland Hills Health in Dodgeville.

Leone was born in Highland to Herman and Mary Pierick on April 28, 1926. She graduated from Highland High School as class valedictorian in 1944. On January 7, 1946, she and Bob Dalles became husband and wife, made their home in Dodgeville, and raised six children. Leone worked at Smith and Johanning Real Estate and Insurance Company, Potterton-Rule, Inc., and was an executive secretary for Dodgeville Mutual Insurance Company until her retirement at age 67. Her work provided her with challenges and an opportunity to serve others.

In 1990 she was given a service award for 6 years of exemplary work as a board member of the Wisconsin Reinsurance Corporation. In 1991 she was honored as Woman of the Year by the Wisconsin Association of Town Mutual Insurance Companies in recognition of faithful years of service to the entire town mutual industry. She was also an active member of St. Joseph's Church. She sang tenor in the parish choir, and for 28 years she and Bob brought the Eucharist to the sick and elderly in private homes and nursing homes.

Leone will be remembered as a woman of dignity and uncommon elegance, a woman whose unassuming manner masked strength and constancy. She will be remembered as well for her dedication to her husband and family and her steadfastness in difficult times. Those who knew her well were fortunate to catch glimpses of her child-like humor and playfulness.

She sewed wedding dresses for two of her daughters as well as many bridesmaids dresses, helped her husband roof the barn, gave her first grandchild his first bath, won a singing contest in Iowa as a young girl, and waged a fierce battle against raccoons on the farm. Her greatest joys were her family, babies, dancing with Bob, harmonizing with her siblings and her children, and sustaining her connection to St. Joseph's Church. In her last months, Leone never lost her dignity, her patience, her concern for her family, or her trust

in God.

Leone is survived by her children Marsha (Steve) of Monticello, Mary Pat of Dodgeville, Diane of Dodgeville, Kay (John) of Verona, Kali Ann of Dodgeville, and John (Janilynn) of Fort Wayne, Indiana; 14 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; sisters-in-law Trudy Carey and Virginia Dalles; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She will also be remembered fondly by special friends Marge DeMuth and Nancy Dentz.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bob (April 18, 2008); her parents; her brothers Marian, Virgil, John, Bill, Wilfred, Father Bernard; and her sisters Bernadette and Patricia.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, December 27, at 11:00 a.m. at ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, Dodgeville, with Reverend Patrick Wendler and Monsignor Delbert Smelzer officiating. Visitation will be at the church from 9:00 until 10:45 a.m., and a rosary will be said at 8:30 a.m. preceding the visitation. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Mineral Point.

We wish to express deep appreciation to Linda Schoenmann and Carol Higgins, personal caregivers, for their dedicated and loving attention to Leone's needs. The family is deeply grateful to Dr. Joseph Hansen, Dr. Michele Roelli, Dr. Gordon Grieshaber, Dr. Terrence Norton, Dr. Kent Kramer, and the exceptional staff at Upland Hills Health in Dodgeville. Leone was the beneficiary of great compassion. To express online condolences to the family, please visit www.gorgenfh.com

Comments



“ I only met your mother once, but I know how important she was to you. May the grief that you feel now fade quickly and leave only sweet memories in its wake.

My mother's funeral was also at Christmas, so I understand the added burden of the season. My family dressed in holiday red and green and shared stories of all the Christmases that we had spent together. May yours do the same.

My thoughts will be with all of you in the coming days.

Bonnie Mitchell

bonnie mitchell - April 28, 2018 at 02:14 AM



“ I met your mother only a few times, but could easily see she was a very warm and loving person. Wishing the many happy memories of the past, helps to over come the sorrow of the present.

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“ Kay, I am sorry to hear of your Moms passing. I always enjoyed seeing you when you came to Pizza Hut to pick up your Moms lunch. Janet

Janet Rikli Lawinger - April 28, 2018 at 02:14 AM



“ My sympathies to you all. Leone and Bob used to come down to the Schaefer farm and play cards with my in-laws, Alice and Leonard. That's when I first met her. She was a graceful, classy lady.

Mrs. Charles (Nancy) E. Schaefer

Nancy E. Schaefer - April 28, 2018 at 02:14 AM



“ My heartfelt condolence to Leone Dalles' family at this time. It's always so difficult to lose our mom, even though we know she's safely in the loving arms of our Heavenly Father. Leone was a godsend to our mom during the years she couldn't get to communion at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Dodgeville. She and Mr. Dalles would so consistently and lovingly bring her the connection she needed by receiving the body and blood of Jesus Christ every Sunday to her apartment in Dodgeville. Her family was so grateful and it meant so much to all of us (all 12 of us!). Hugs and prayers to Leone's family at this time.

Betty Dotseth - March 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM