



## Twila M. Rohowetz

August 16, 1924 - July 7, 2015

Dodgeville - Twila Marcella Rohowetz passed away on July 7, 2015 surrounded by her family at Bloomfield Nursing Home due to complications from a stroke just short of her 91st birthday leaving a very large void in the Rohowetz family.

Twila was born August 16, 1924 to Severt and Ida Martin. She was the middle child of six children. She spent her childhood on the family farm northeast of Edmund, WI, telling of us tales of hardships during the Depression years and of skiing cross country on homemade skies to attend the Pine Grove country school. She was a housekeeper for the Strong family in return for room and board while going to high school in Dodgeville. During WW II, Twila worked for a time at the Badger Ordnance, making gunpowder.

On August 28, 1943, she married Robert Rohowetz of Dodgeville and farmed alongside her husband for over 30 years. Besides milking cows, working in the fields and tending other livestock with her husband, she gave birth and raised 8 rambunctious children on the farm. After selling the farm they operated the Surge Milking Equipment in Dodgeville for many years until Robert's retirement.

After Robert's death, Twila became the matriarch of her large family. She lead by example, hard work and hardly ever a cross word. She never interfered

with her children's lives, letting them make their own mistakes in life but offering boundless love and encouragement regardless of the circumstances.

Twila worked for over 25 years with the Lands' End Company retiring at the age of 85. She took great pride in her small house and extensive flower garden becoming a Master Gardener. She remained fiercely independent right up to the time of her stroke, driving herself around, bowling in 2 ladies leagues, and producing quilts for the weddings of her children and grandchildren. Even in her late years her neighbors would scold her for climbing on the roof of her house after a snow storm to clean it off. Her ever larger family of her children, spouses, girlfriend, grandkids and great grandchildren enjoyed her great holiday meals. We all enjoyed her handmade lefse, pasties and goulash, cinnamon rolls and other deserts. Twila especially enjoyed her Wednesday outings with her girlfriends to Tony's Tap.

She was a lifelong member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and its Choir and Altar Society, Uplands Gardening Club, the Iowa County Extension Homemakers and was a founding member of the Fennimore lodge of the Sons of Norway.

Twila is survived by a sister, June Eckstein of Cassville; her eight children, Dr. Richard of Dodgeville, James (Lynn) of Dodgeville, Phillip (Gail) of Dodgeville, Thomas (Wanda) of Monona, Mark of Spring Green, Mary (Chris) Fitzsimons of Cross Plains, Diane (Michael) Flora of Verona, David (Angie) of Dodgeville; fifteen grandchildren, Jason Rohowetz, Lindsay Rohowetz, Eric Rohowetz, Bobbie Rohowetz, Julie Rohowetz, Tony Rohowetz, Jesse Rohowetz, Stacey Fitzsimons, Kelsey Fitzsimons, Matthew Rohowetz, Michael Rohowetz, Evan Rohowetz, Landon Flora, Mitchell Flora; two great grandchildren, Brock and Logan.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Robert; her brothers,

Kenneth, Victor, Clifford; her sister, Sylvia Harris and her daughter-in-law, Carla Rohowetz.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Dodgeville. Monsignor Daniel Ganshert will officiate. Burial will be held in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Friends may call from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Friday and from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville.

The family wishes to thank Upland Hills Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital for their care and especially Agrace Hospice and Bloomfield Nursing Home for their very special care and concern.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Twila M. Rohowetz*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *Aunt Twila ...my favorite Aunt*

*I remember visiting Uncle Bob, Aunt Twila and cousins on the farm. What a great time we had running around and having fun with the Rohowetz cousins!!! Aunt Twila would always be busy doing chores, cooking or making her own square dance dress for the next big dance. She always had a big smile on her face and full of laughs. If we were lucky enough to catch dinner at the Rohowetz Farm it was one grand feast. I remember my eyes bulging out of their sockets when Aunt Twila would bring up a huge bucket of ice cream from the basement . Not sure what size it might have been all I know is.... we never were so lucky to have that amount of ice cream at our house. Also, remember Twila's great pickled watermelon rinds and crab apples.*

*Truly a wonderful loving soul.*

*May Aunt Twila and Uncle Bob once again be reunited. God bless them both.*

*My deepest and sincere sympathy to all my cousins.*

*Joan (Baughman) Primasing*

Joan Primasing - April 28, 2018 at 01:52 AM

GB

“ So sorry to hear of Twila's passing. Bob and Twila were my favorite uncle and aunt. Always enjoyed visiting them and had wonderful experiences on the occasional week long summer stay. Admired her ability to keep three of us boys busy pulling hay off the elevator all by herself. Always had a big smile on her face.

*Rest in peace Twila*

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**Grant Baughman** - April 28, 2018 at 01:52 AM

DB

“ Jo and I would like to express our deepest sympathy with the loss of your Mother.  
God bless

*Don and Jo Baughman*

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**Donald and Joan Baughman** - April 28, 2018 at 01:52 AM

CM

“ So sorry to hear about Twila. Her bright smile and sunny disposition always made me feel welcome. God speed.

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**Cherie D Miller** - April 28, 2018 at 01:52 AM

JF

“ GOD blessed you with a wonderful Mother-Grandmother who will be remembered by many friends and especially by your family throughout their lives. May you always remember the many good times in her life.

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**Joyce Ferrell** - April 28, 2018 at 01:52 AM

DB

“ Thank you Aunt Twila for the smiles, laughter, and welcoming heart. I always felt at home and as if I was one of the family around Aunt Twila. Our heart felt sympathy to family and friends, and know how many of us are joyous and proud to have had the pleasure of knowing her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Dirk Baughman** - April 28, 2018 at 01:52 AM

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“ Dear Mary, Diane and siblings,

*I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. She was an amazing woman in all aspects. Nothing can ever replace the loss of a mother, and the memories will live on forever in the loved ones around you. God bless your entire family.*

*Annie McKinley-Russell*

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**Annie McKinley-Russell** - April 28, 2018 at 01:52 AM