



Mary Virginia Shehan

November 24, 1919 - March 24, 2014

Mary Shehan, age 94 of Albia, passed away Monday, March 24, 2014, at the Monroe Care Center in Albia.

Mary was born November 24, 1919, to Timothy and Lucinda (Lawless) Dailey in Iowa City. She married William "Gene" Eugene Shehan on May 4, 1948, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia. They shared 54 years of marriage before Gene's passing on February 28, 2003.

A graduate of Albia High School, class of 1937, Mary graduated from the Des Moines School of Cosmetology. She worked as a hair stylist before marrying and staying home to raise her children. She later worked at Sears, Shoe Box, and Modern Shop, all in Albia. She and Gene were also custodians at St. Mary's in Albia.

Mary was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society, and the Dancing Grannies; of which she was the oldest member of at one time. She enjoyed flowers, watching hummingbirds, and especially spending time with her family and grandchildren. Mary was a great cook, and was known for her legendary noodles. She was also a very giving and thoughtful lady; sharing her love of cooking with others.

Mary is survived by her children, Pat (Linda) Shehan of Ottumwa, Mike (Deb) Shehan of Albia, Bill (Dana) Shehan of Fort Madison, Mary Bunce of Albia, Mark Shehan of Albia, and Marsha (Randy) Leffler of Albia; 14 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Gene; two great granddaughters, Erica and Haylee; and four brothers, Alois, Tim, Lawless, and Delmond.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 1 p.m., Thursday, March 27, 2014, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia; with Fr. Michael E. Volkmer, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will be 12-8 p.m., Wednesday, March 26, 2014, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Mary's family present 4-8 p.m. A rosary will be led by St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society at 4 p.m., with a Christian Wake Service beginning at 4:30 p.m.

An open memorial has been established in Mary's name.

Comments



“ I remember seeing Mary outside with her little dog and talking with her many times, both of us behind our fences. She was always friendly and cheerful and I liked having her for a neighbor.

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Betty Stewart - Albia, IA - neighbor - April 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry to hear about Aunt Mary. So glad I had stopped and seen her at the nursing home several months ago. Will always remember her as a great Aunt. Always so kind and a happy lady. I know her brothers Tim and Alois loved her very much and always looked after their younger sister. Jack and I always enjoyed our visits to Albia to visit her and Uncle Gene. Will miss her. What a terrific family they had. Now they are all together in heaven having a big reunion. They always had such good times together the two brothers and sister and their spouses. Love to the entire family, my thoughts and prayers are with you.. Just found out about your Mother's passing, I would have come but was out of the country. I am so sorry.

Connie Dailey - Burlington, IA - Married to Mary's nephew - April 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember Mary as such a gentle, kind, lovely lady. It is never easy to lose your mother, and I know she will be missed, not only by her family, but by everyone who knew her.

Kathy and Paul Slofkosky - Knoxville, IA - friend - March 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ From childhood to adulthood I always knew no one could have a better Aunt than my Aunt Mary. She will be missed.

Tim and Shirley Dailey - New Bern, NC - Nephew - March 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ It is a great gift to have a Grandmother alive for so much of my lifetime.

Troy Shehan - Iowa City, IA - Grandson - March 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I love you Grandma.

Brenda Shehan Meester - Des Moines, IA - granddaughter - March 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM