



Cecilia (CK) Clare Knowles

April 9, 1933 - April 18, 2013

Cecilia Clare (CK) Knowles, age 80 of Melrose, died Thursday, April 18, 2013, at her home.

CK was born April 9, 1933, to Francis and Ann (Smith) Heffron in Georgetown. She married Patrick Knowles on May 2, 1953, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Georgetown. She enjoyed being a wife, mother, grandmother, and raising her family. CK and Pat were blessed with five children, Mary Jo, Terry, Mark, Julie, and Helen.

A graduate of Georgetown High School, class of 1951, CK attended Ottumwa Heights College. She worked for Farm Bureau and Chicago Rivet & Machine Company. CK was a lifetime member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose and also St. Patrick's Altar and Rosary Society. She was a Monroe County Hospital board member, 4-H leader, and member of the Irish Green Hat Society.

CK had a love for nature, birds, flowers, and trees, which she expressed through her artistic gift of painting on canvas, rocks, saws, or anything her friends requested. She enjoyed taking bus tours and vacations with friends and family. She also enjoyed watching her children and grandchildren at plays, music concerts, sporting events, and holidays. Over the years, CK was involved in many community events.

CK is survived by a daughter, Mary Jo (Mike) Zern of Burlington, their children, Jeremy and Ryan (Lori) Zern, and grandchildren, Xavier and Kalea; son, Terry (Debi) Knowles of Waukee, and their children, Kevin and Keith; son, Mark (Renee) Knowles of Albia; daughter, Julie (Pat) Kearney of Chariton and their children, Shawn and Amber; and daughter, Helen (Bernard) Kurimski of Lovilia and their children, Heather (Sean) Balzer, Ryan (Kylee) Kurimski, and Aaron. She is also survived by two brothers, Joe and Bob Heffron; and a sister, Helen (Heffron) McDermott.

CK was preceded in death by her parents, Francis and Ann; and husband, Patrick.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, April 22, 2013, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose, with Fr. Patrick Lumsden and Fr. Michael E. Volkmer, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Melrose.

Visitation will be 10 a.m.-3p.m., Sunday, April 21, 2013, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, and then 4:30-8 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose, with CK's family present throughout the day and evening. A Rosary will be led at 7p.m., followed by a Christian Wake Service, Sunday evening in Melrose.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose.

Tribute Wall



“ Cecilia (CK) Clare Knowles

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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“ I want to offer my condolences to C.K. children and family. I have great memories of talking with C. K. and Pat at the 4-H fair each year. Each of you are in my prayers.

Debbie Ryan Lechner - Kirksville, MO - family friend - April 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry for your lost . I know it's going to be hard on you and just loosing your dad.we are all praying for you and your family.the Hendersons

Rita Henderson - Altoona, IA - Friend - April 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



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Billy & Joan Brubaker - New Sharon, IA - Neighbors, & Friend - April 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are sorry for your loss, CK was quite a person, she always had something good about everyone she meet. She loved talking about her family and all her friends, we know you are going to miss her every much. Thinking of your family Gene and Helen Kline

Helen Kline - Melrose, IA - friend - April 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy for the children and grandchildren of Pat and C. K. Knowles for the loss of their parents and grandparents.
May their souls rest in peace.
The George and Jennnie Conway family

George and Jennie Conway - Des Moines` , IA - frinds - April 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM