



Lela Mae Hirchak

December 2, 1922 - November 22, 2008

Lela Mae Hirchak, age 85, of Albia, died Saturday afternoon, November 22, 2008, at her residence in Albia, Iowa.

Lela Mae was born December 2, 1922 in Moravia, Iowa to Archie Ray and Myrtle "Lavenia" (Stephens) Main. She was a graduate of Albia, High School, class of 1941.

Lela Mae married Robert Owens in 1942. They were blessed with three children before Robert died in 1961. She later married Joseph Hirchak on March 17, 1964. Joseph died in June of 1993.

Lela Mae was a very active lady. She was a homemaker for her three children. She worked and later owned and operated the Albia Taxi Company, and she was a lifelong volunteer for St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Altar and Rosary, of which she was a member.

Lela Mae is survived by two sons, James Richard Owens and wife Peggy of Albia, and Jay Bernard Owens also of Albia; and one daughter in law, Gloria Owens of Lovilia; 5 grandchildren, Jimmy Joe, Megan, Jason, Justin, and Tyler Owens; and three great grandchildren, Hunter, Carter, and Jayden Owens. She is also survived by two brothers, Max Main of Albia, and Clarence Main of Kansas City, Missouri; and one sister, Dorothea Ridgeway of Nevada.

Lela Mae is preceded in death by her parents, Archie and Lavenia; her husbands, Robert Owens and Joseph Hirchak; one son, Jerry Stephens Owens; one brother, Jack Main; and one sister, Leona McCombs.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lela Mae Hirschak*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Lela Mae Hirschak*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *thinking of you Grandma... your probably watching Matlock and playing UNO and Skipbo in Heaven*

Jason Owens - IA - February 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lela May will be missed by the Albia Quilting Guild. She was always an active member. Loved the Christmas gift exchange. I remember Lela always being the "presser" when we had work shops. Running the iron was one thing she said she could be doing.*

*She will be remembered,
Mary Dustin Guild member*

Mary Dustin - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Jim, Jay, Peggy, and Gloria. Mom just called me to tell me about grandma Lela's passing. My love, thoughts and prayers are with you. She was a very special person to me for taking our family into yours when she married grandpa Joe. We loved her very much. I will always treasure all the wonderful memories of being with her and remembering how happy she made grandpa Joe. The lord brought them together when they needed each other the most and they are once again together. She will be very missed.

Pam Austin - November 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Jim, Jay, Peggy, Gloria, and grandchildren

We were very saddened to hear about Lela's passing. I am thankful we were able to visit with her just a few weeks ago. While we talked about many things, it was quite apparent how much each of you meant to her. She really appreciated all you did for her. It was also very special to hear from her all of her memories of trips she and Uncle Joe had taken together. She mentioned her trip out west aboard Amtrak was the one she most enjoyed.

I will never forget the good times I had visiting with her. When I was a child, she always made an effort to make sure she had some type of craft for me to work on. We still have a couple of the quilts she sent after our children were born.

Please accept our condolences. She was a very special lady who will always have a place in my heart. We will miss her!

Love,

Nancy (Boozell) Burklow, Keith, Emily, Andy, Alex, and Aric

Nancy Burklow - November 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM