



Cecilia Soroos

September 11, 1909 - January 28, 2009

Cecilia A. Soroos passed away at age 99 on January 28, 2009 at Sheyenne Care Center in Valley City, ND. She was born on September 11, 1909, the daughter of John J. Peitz and Mary (Heise) Peitz in Hankinson, ND.

Cecilia grew up in Hankinson and attended high school there, where she was active in musical events, basketball, and was an honor student. During the later 1920s, she enjoyed playing piano music for silent movies.

Cecilia earned her standard degree from Valley City State Teachers College and taught and coached girls' basketball at Oriska, ND while earning her bachelors degree in education. It was there she met her husband Adolf and they were married in 1939. With the help of Adolf's father, they built their own house in Valley City, where Cecilia lived until after her 98th birthday. At that time she moved into the Sheyenne Care Center.

Cecilia enjoyed all things Valley City, particularly participating in and attending a variety of VCSU and community events. Maintaining a life-long interest in education, she often accepted substitute teaching assignments. After Adolf's death, Cecilia welcomed the opportunity to establish the Soroos Scholarship Fund for students at Valley City State University. Cecilia was also a long-time member of PEO and the Congregational (UCC) Church in Valley City. Until recently, she enjoyed her passion for playing bridge and being with friends at the Valley City Country Club. She also loved reading, gardening and watching birds that came to the feeder outside her kitchen window.

For many retirement years, Cecilia and Adolf spent winters in Mesa, AZ where

they enjoyed activities with many of their Valley City snowbird friends. Cecilia cared for her half-sister Elsie for several years in her Valley City home and in Arizona.

Cecilia was preceded in death by Adolf Soroos, her husband of 55 years, and by brothers John (Jeff) and Dudley (Bud) Peitz. Also preceding her in death were her half-sister Elsie Kriesel and half-brother Ed Kriesel as well as beloved nephews James and Donald Peitz.

Cecilia is survived by her son Kenneth (Hope) Soroos of Madison, WI, her granddaughters Joanna (Frederick) Mertz and Jennifer (Jason) Stacy, and her great-grandchildren Henry, Leo and Chloe Mertz and Jack and Juliana Stacy. The family would like to especially thank all her friends who came to visit her at Sheyenne Care Center, the staff members there who took such compassionate care of her, and Hospice of Red River Valley.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

Congregational United Church of Christ
217 4th St. NW
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall



“ *rest in peace from the montagna famiy##imported-begin##michelle peitz montagna##imported-end##*

May 16, 2009 at 09:54 PM



“ *Ken & family - I was sorry to hear of Cele's passing. But what a long and full life she had on this Earth!*

I had hoped to bring my husband to Valley City this coming summer. Cele was only person left that I knew. I wanted Mike to meet her. In some respects, the loss of Cele brings a final loss to the Bruhn family. Cele has been in my life since the day I was born in 1957! I will certainly miss sharing my experiences with her.##imported-begin##Tami Bruhn-Nelson##imported-end##

February 09, 2009 at 10:10 AM



“ Dear Ken and Family,

I was saddend to hear of your mother's passing as my Aunt Shirley had notified me. I have very fond memories of your parents over the years during my childhood while visiting my grandparents. Your father was the epitomy of a educated gentleman and your mother was that of a lady. I have the picture of the two young foxes that I believe you took, hanging in our home. I know my life was enhanced by having your parents in it. I'm sure it has been a joyous reunion for your folks and also my grandparents. May God bless them all. The only other person in VC that I have any connection to anymore would be Mert Pomeroy. Peace be with you.

Monte Bruhn###imported-begin###Monte Bruhn###imported-end###

February 09, 2009 at 09:29 AM



“ Dear Ken, Hope, Jana, and Jen

We send our sympathy to you with the loss of your mother, mother-in-law, and grandma. I have a great picture of a happy time with Cele when she came to Madison in December of 2003. Hope, Mary, Vae, and I had lunch with Cele and it was nice to visit with her.

Thinking of you.

With Love From Ginny and Dave###imported-begin###Ginny and Dave Martinson###imported-end###

February 08, 2009 at 04:47 PM



“ Ken: Our sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your mother. Our families were longtime neighbors on College Street. We have fond memories of visiting with Cele and Ade while everyone was outside working in the yard. They were always anxious to tell us about interesting birds at their feeder and share their wonderful photos.

Thoughts and prayers, The Challey Family##imported-begin##The Challey Family##imported-end##

February 03, 2009 at 03:05 PM



“ Cele was one of the dearest friends of the Bruhn family - she was like an aunt to my brother Dave and me....a sister to my mother and dad. We shared every variety of experience life can possibly offer. She was a loving friend in all situations. My husband Cal and I will miss her gentle presence in our lives. Our hearts go out to Ken and family with all love in the knowledge that she was surely one of God's own and is now entirely in His care. Love always - shirley##imported-begin##Shirley Bruhn Lindsay##imported-end##

February 02, 2009 at 06:19 PM



“ I am truly blessed to have known Cecilia, and I know she will be missed dearly. I had the greatest honor to care for Cecilia at the care center and I really enjoyed her smile and kindness towards me. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.##imported-begin##Russell Marker##imported-end##

January 31, 2009 at 02:18 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Ken and his family with the loss of Mother and Great Grandmother and all of Soroos family.##imported-begin##Gary L. Braasch##imported-end##

January 31, 2009 at 09:08 AM



“ Cele was a lovely woman. Mostly I would see her at our Congregational Women's Fellowship meetings in recent years. But I can still see her and her husband Ade sitting in church on Sundays years ago. They were an important part of our church history.

I am sure you have some great memories, Ken.

Mary Heath##imported-begin##Mary Heath##imported-end##

January 30, 2009 at 08:18 PM