



Lila Lebahn

June 3, 1930 - December 28, 2009

Lila Ann Lebahn was born June 3, 1930 at Douglas, ND, daughter of Albert “Bud” and Edna (Simonson) Pollert. She grew up and attended schools in Marion and Litchville and graduated from Valley City State College with a degree in elementary education. On June 15, 1948 she married Raymond Lebahn at Trinity Lutheran Church, rural Litchville and made their home on the family farm. Along with farming she was a school teacher at Marion and Litchville area schools. In 1989 Ray and Lila retired from farming and moved to Litchville. In 1994 Lila retired after 40 years of teaching including 11 years as Litchville Elementary School Principal. Ray died on May 18, 2006. Lila had recently moved to Edgewood Vista Assisted Living Center in Fargo.

Lila was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church where she was active in WELCA, circle, and had taught Sunday school. Lila was a director on the Litchville Community Center Board. She was active in North Dakota Farmers Union. She also was a member of North Dakota Retired Teacher Association and Barnes County Retired Teachers Association. Lila enjoyed working in her garden and attending her flowers and yard. She also enjoyed dancing, quilting, embroidery, playing cards and spending time with her children, grand children and great-grand children.

She is survived by three sons: Rick (Marilynn), West Fargo, North Dakota, Randy (Colleen), Jamestown, North Dakota, and Trent (Wendy) Salina, Kansas; one daughter, Gayann (Ron) Van Bruggen, Litchville; nine grandchildren, Shane (Tami) Lebahn, Keela (Troy) Salisbury, Todd (Brandi) Lebahn, Brittany Lebahn, Adam Lebahn, Jake Lebahn, Tyler (Angela) Van Bruggen, Kale Van Bruggen, and Carly Van Bruggen; seven great grandchildren, Alexandra and Riley Lebahn, Gavin and Koral Salisbury, Camden and Elleana Lebahn, and Kylie Van Bruggen; one sister, Phyllis (Curt) Smedshammer, LaMoure, ND; three brothers, Donald (Georgine) Pollert, Litchville, Clayton (Virginia) Pollert, Onalaska, WI, Kenneth (Patricia) Pollert, Horace, ND; one sister-in-law Leola Pollert, Jamestown, ND; nine grand children and seven great-grand children.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother, Mural, and sister, Leona Severson and brother-in-law, Donald Severson.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 1. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND

Service

JAN 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

Litchville School Gymnasium
304 - 6th Ave.
Litchville, ND

Tribute Wall



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Lila's family still yet and will be for some time. Lila was one who always had a smile, an encouraging word, and time to acknowledge one's presence. May her spirit live on in you, her family, and the rest of us, until that day we meet in the mansions Jesus has prepared for us.##imported-begin##Elaine Hilscher##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 07:07 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear about Lila's death. She was my first grade teacher and was kind and made me feel special. I remember her teaching me to read in the Dick and Jane books. I enjoyed visiting with her as I grew up and left the Litchville area. May you all take comfort in knowing she is with the father of all. God bless you.##imported-begin##Melody Olson Vachal##imported-end##

January 02, 2010 at 11:43 PM



“ I just pulled up the death of your Mom, Grandmother, and friend to so many, in the Fargo Forum. This was the first we knew of her death.. Lila was a special friend to all of us Keel girls as well as her brothers & sisters. We know she is going to be missed. Also we know she is with her dear husband Ray and I know she has missed him so much. She was so up-beat through her illness and and was really happy with her apartment. Please accept our deepest sympathy. We love you and will keep you in our prayers. Love, Milo and Marge Larson##imported-begin##Marjorie Keel Larson, Punta Gorda, FL##imported-end##

January 02, 2010 at 09:27 AM



“ Lila, was my favorite teacher of all times. She taught one year with about 18 students at Gladstone #1 around 1948 or so and she was wonderfull. We were so looking forward to visiting with her in 2010 as it has been a number of years since I last saw Lila.

Lila will certainly be missed.##imported-begin##Ron Olson##imported-end##

January 01, 2010 at 08:41 PM



“ read about your mom's passing in the Jamestown paper.
My mother, Marge Nordgaard was on the Litchville faculty with Lila for many years. Mom referred to Lila many times as a wonderful co-worker and friend. I am sure you will miss her greatly, but have a wealth of good memories to carry you through this time.
God bless you all,
Les Nordgaard###imported-begin###les nordgaard###imported-end##

January 01, 2010 at 01:24 PM



“ Hi Trent, David and I know your sorrow, but hope you can remember the good and fun times. You and all your family are in our prayers. Call when you get back.

Linda & David###imported-begin###Linda & David Miller###imported-end##

December 31, 2009 at 06:04 PM



“ You know our thoughts are with you, wishing we could be there. God bless you all and we pray Lila has found peace and happiness in eternity.###imported-begin###Peggy Frank###imported-end##

December 31, 2009 at 04:09 PM



“ My deepest sympathies go out to the family survivors of Lila Lebahn, a good friend and a great teacher. I had the good fortune of working with Lila for 13 years in the Lithchville School District. She was a compassionate, caring person who wanted to make certain that her first grade students received the right start as they began their public school education. She will be missed.

Casper Kourajian
Casselberry, FL###imported-begin###Casper Kourajian###imported-end##

December 30, 2009 at 05:29 PM



“ To Lila's family:
Oh boy am I going to miss her. She was the best teacher and friend ever. It is so sad...So many people that were important people in my my life are passing on.....my own dad included. 2 months ago. She will be missed along with many others.....My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I hope that helps.###imported-begin###Lynette (Broadwell) Schaff###imported-end##

December 30, 2009 at 12:22 PM



“ We will all miss Lila. I had a nice visit with her at the Ellendale volleyball tournament championship game when you had 4 and 3 generation pictures taken with Carly. visiting with her was like keeping a bit of Norman's sister Patty with us. They were in high school in Marion at the same time and I was their go between in passing on news. She was a good mother and grandmother to all of you kids. But she was getting tired and it was time to go be with the family that has gone on ahead of her. Our love and prayers are with all of you. DeLette & Norman###imported-begin##Norman & DeLette Winkelman###imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 10:32 PM



“ Lila Lebahn is my aunt and was my first grade teacher. She touched the life of every first grader that passed through her classroom. Lila loved and guided and encouraged each one of them as if they were her own children. Lila -- so generously loved so many and I'm sure will not be forgotten by any. Godspeed. Pax, Kimberly Coffel###imported-begin##Kimberly (Pollert) Coffel###imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 02:34 PM



“ To the family of Lila Lebahn:
Our thoughts and prayers go out to you during this time of sorrow. May the memories of Lila be a comfort to you.
Kevin and Julie Smith
Chris, Derek and Amy###imported-begin##Julie Smith###imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 02:18 PM