



Velma Zimbelmann

October 23, 1926 - January 5, 2015

Former Sutton, NE resident Velma Zimbelmann, 88, died Monday, January 5, 2015, at The Independence House at Coddington in Lincoln, NE.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, January 9, 2015, at the Federated Church in Sutton, NE with Rev. Harry Cross and Rev. Ron Roemmich officiating. Interment will follow at the Sutton Cemetery in Sutton, NE. Visitation will be Thursday, from 1 - 8 p.m., with the family present from 4 - 7 p.m., at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton, NE.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family to be designated at a later time.

Velma C. (Roemmich) Zimbelmann, daughter of Adolph and Olga Roemmich was born Oct. 23, 1926, at the family farm north of Sutton, NE.

She was the third of 6 children and received her elementary education at District # 1 in Clay County. She received her secondary education at Sutton High School, graduating in the class of 1943. She was of the time when prospective educators could take a course called Normal Training and enter the teaching profession. At age sixteen she began her teaching career at District 23 near Fairfield in Clay County.

On June 12, 1949, she was united in marriage to Gilbert (Gip) Zimbelmann. To this union three children were born: Larry Gilbert, Diane Kae, and Patricia Sue.

Velma and Gilbert began their marriage on a farm east of Sutton in Fillmore County and later purchased a farm closer to Sutton, which they tended until Gip's death in 1983. Shortly thereafter she moved to Sutton.

Velma engaged herself in the activities that were normal for a farm wife and mother. After she moved to town she cooked at the Sutton Sale Barn with her sister Twila where they commonly baked 37 pies for each Tuesday Sale. They also cooked and baked for many farm sales in the area. Velma also cooked at the Skyliner Café in Sutton, and the Sutton Community Home.

She was very active in the Federated Church. She taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for many years. She was an active member of Club and the women's circles at the Federated Church. She served on many committees, she served at, and called others to serve, many funeral luncheons and dinners. She also volunteered at the Sutton schools.

Of course, family was at the top of her priority list. She enjoyed babysitting her grandchildren and those were precious moments.

Velma was preceded in death by her husband, Gilbert Zimbelmann; her grandson, Jason Zimbelmann; her parents, Adolph and Olga Roemmich; one sister, Agnes Roemmich Frakes; and her parents-in-law Gustave and Johanna Zimbelmann.

She leaves to celebrate her memory, her three children: Larry Zimbelmann and his wife, Linda, of Milford, NE; Diane Ditmars and her husband, Larry, of Lincoln, NE; and Patty Zeleny of Geneva, NE and her fiancé, Kent Baker, of

Lincoln, NE; four grandchildren: Michelle Adams, of Centralia, MO; Lisa McKinzie of Kansas City, MO; Brian Anderson of Grand Island, NE; and Kristin Zeleny of Geneva, NE; two sisters: Twila Trautman of Lincoln, NE; and Edith Peterson of Hastings, NE; two brothers: Allan Roemmich of Grand Island, NE; and Ron Roemmich of Omaha, NE.; 9 great-grandchildren: Ethan, Olivia, Avery and Alden Adams; Landon, Brooklynn, Cameron and Keaton McKinzie and Boston Zeleny and many nieces nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall

CP

“ Prayers are with the family during this time. May God give you the peace and understanding that he has for all of us during your time of sorrow as well as celebrating the life of Velma.

Connie Plettner - January 10, 2015 at 03:03 PM

AW

“ My heartfelt condolences at this time for the family. Velma was such a positive example for us all. May God wrap His lovin' arms around you.

Annette (Plettner) West - January 09, 2015 at 02:35 PM

EM

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Hugs to all!!!

Elizabeth Frakes Miller - January 09, 2015 at 08:01 AM

BN

“ Velma was my teacher when I was in the 5th grade and again when I was in the 7th grade. I credit her with my love of reading. She was my favorite teacher. We corresponded at Christmas time for many years. I always looked forward to her letters.

Bronte (Lambie) Nielsen - January 07, 2015 at 09:31 PM

JH

“ I have fond memories of Aunt Velma, who thought nothing of whipping up a dozen pies all at once to take into Sutton for a function. I was a young newly-wed at the time and this impressed me no end. Sharing your sorrow in the loss of a wonderful woman.

Joyce Gladden Haddock - January 06, 2015 at 08:10 PM