



Winifred E. Lewis

February 9, 1932 - February 15, 2014

Sutton resident Winifred "Winnie" E. Lewis, 82, died after her courageous battle with cancer, at her home on Saturday, February 15, 2014, in Lincoln, NE with her family by her side.

Services will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 20, 2014, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sutton, NE with Rev. Judy Nuss officiating. Interment will follow at the Sutton Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday, from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m., at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton, NE.

Memorial Contributions may be directed to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sutton, NE.

Winnie was born February 9, 1932, in Atchison KS. She was the 8th in line of 9 children to the parents of Rev. John and Elsie Schmidt. She attended school in Potter, KS before moving to Ludell, KS where she attended parochial school through the 8th grade. She graduated from high school in Atwood, KS. and Jr. College in Winfield, KS.

Winnie ventured to Chicago where she worked as a secretary/bookkeeper for 4 years before moving to Lincoln, NE where she also worked as a bookkeeper.

On April 1, 1963, she married Philip Martin "Marty" Lewis Jr. and also gained a daughter Melanie, with this union. Marty & Winnie made Sutton, NE their home, where Winnie was a homemaker, mother and volunteered her time and talents to many causes. She served on the Sutton School Board, held various positions in the American Legion Auxiliary, volunteered for the county American Cancer Society (as she was a survivor of cancer). Winnie was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church and the Women's group of the ELCA and served in almost any capacity to fill the needs within the church.

In 2013, Winnie and Marty moved to the Grand Lodge at the Preserve - a retirement community in Lincoln, NE.

Winnie is preceded in death by her parents, Rev. John T and Elsie Schmidt; 3 sisters, Mildred Morris, Elsie Fry and Ruth Lovett; 2 brothers, Milton Schmidt and Luther (Bud) Schmidt.

Winnie is survived by her husband of 50 years, Philip Martin "Marty" Lewis Jr., of Lincoln, NE; sisters, Joan Engle of TX; Dorothy Wolters of KS; brother, Rev. John E. Schmidt of WI; Children, Melanie Lewis of Grafton, NE; Michele Serr and husband Steve of Grafton, NE; Vicki Kraai and husband Jon of Lincoln, NE; grandchildren, Kristine Serr and her daughter, Kayden both of Sutton, NE; Philip Serr of Grafton, NE; Abby Kuntz of Lincoln, NE; Emily Kraai of Lincoln, NE; and many nieces and nephews and extended family.

We remember Winnie as a loving wife, mom, Grandma, Aunt, Godmother and friend. She touched the lives of everyone who knew her. She would always put the needs of others before herself and her strength in handling life is something we all admired about her.

Tribute Wall

PS

“ To the Lewis family, I am so sorry for your loss, I am sure you miss her terribly. I have so many memories of Winnie and just her kindness to all of my family. Prayers to all.

Philip and Kimberly Sheridan - March 10, 2015 at 02:11 PM

CG

“ Dear Vicki and the Lewis Family,
Winnie is a part of one of my childhood memories as a wonderful neighbor "Mom" that always was very kind and open to us kids. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all during this time.
Sincerest Blessings,
Clare

Clare Geiger - March 02, 2014 at 09:51 AM

MT

“ Sending our heart felt thoughts and prayers to the family.

Marv and Karen Tessman - February 20, 2014 at 04:02 PM

RV

“ Our thoughts are with you at this sad time. Winnie was a great lady and will be missed by all of us. Sorrow touches the heart in such a personal, private way. But we hope you know you're not alone- our caring thoughts are with you now and in the days to come. May God be with you all at this time of sorrow.

With Deepest Sympathy.
Roy and Cheryl Vap

Roy and Cheryl Vap - February 19, 2014 at 12:46 PM

RW

“ Winnie was always smiling and she was a gracious hostess. We always felt welcome at their home. We will miss her and pray Gods comfort to the family. Love you.

rick and cathy wolters - February 19, 2014 at 10:38 AM

MS

“ We are sorry to know that Winnie is no longer with us and realize that she has not been well for quite awhile. May her soul rest in peace. Know that she will be sadly missed by all her 40&8 friends and especially missed in the game of 31. Winnie's personality made everyone feel special in her presence. Our lives are better for having know her. Virgil and Sugar Strecker

Merlyn "Sugar" Strecker - February 19, 2014 at 09:31 AM

CM

“ Can you imagine the Schmidt family reunion in heaven today? So sorry for your loss Uncle Marty, Michele, Vicki and Melanie. My the Good Lord wrap his loving arms around all of you.

Charles Morris - February 18, 2014 at 07:47 PM

JR

“ I am with you all in my thoughts and prayers. The Lord bless you as you mourn a wonderful lady. I know we will be together in heaven some day. Uncle Marty, Vicki, Michelle and Melanie I will keep you and your families in my prayers.
Julia

Julia Rusch - February 18, 2014 at 04:32 PM

DB

“ *My heart breaks to know that Winnie is no longer with us. My parents held Winnie and Marty in such a high regard that even as a kid I knew how special they were to them. When I did get to see them as an adult I understood why. I always felt a bit of my mother when I spoke to Winnie. I hope Winnie and my mom are together in heaven now. We have lost an amazing person but heaven is brighter today because of Winnie. Our love and prayers to you all.*
Rich Rick Vasina, Virgil Deb and Christina Blum

Debra Vasina Blum - February 18, 2014 at 11:25 AM