



Elna May Holmquist

September 7, 1915 - November 18, 2013

Elna May Holmquist of Tustin passed away Monday, November 18, 2013 at the Lakeview. She was 98.

She was born September 7, 1915 in Tustin to John and Ila (Hoover) Vanderhoof and they preceded her in death.

Elna graduated from Tustin High School in 1935. She married Hartley A. Holmquist on April 6, 1935 in Tustin and he preceded her in death on February 5, 1981. She moved to the farm in 1935 and lived there all her life until going to the Lakeview.

Mrs. Holmquist was an excellent rug weaver and a talented quilt maker; she could create things out of nothing. She was also well known for her tea pot collection. She had been a cook at the Kettunen Center in Tustin and was a foster mother for many years. She was a member of Edgetts Wesleyan Church as well as the Tustin Area Volunteer Club.

She is survived by her son, Garth (Corlene) Holmquist of Cadillac; daughter in law, Harriet Holmquist of Reed City; grandchildren: Chuck (Lori) Holmquist of Reed City, Juli (Jason) Stellini of Reed City and Micah Holmquist of Lansing; 4 great grandchildren; a sister, June Danhoff of Cadillac and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Roy in 2005; a brother, Jack Vanderhoof and sisters, Beulah Powell, Thelma Blanchard and Fern Lake.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Thursday, November 21, 2013 at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac with Reverend Scott Torkko officiating. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to the service at the Funeral Home. Burial will be at Burdell Township Cemetery in Osceola County. Memorial contributions may be made to Pine River Historical Society. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ She attended my parents Jack and Judith Doan wedding .She was liked by all that meet her . My sister' s Cara/Jill and I would like to talk with her when we seen her in the halls at Lakeview .

Carla(Doan) Moffit - November 21, 2013 at 08:30 AM

RP

“ Grandma Fern would take me to visit Aunt Elna, she would be making cinnamon rolls, or pies and we would enjoy tea in her pretty cups and using a lovely teapot. A memory/tradition I share with my girls as we have tea parties with pretty tea cups and teapot and a lace table cloth on the table. Rose Anne

Rose Anne Paulino - November 21, 2013 at 07:48 AM

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“ We met Elna & Hartley about 40 years ago. Garth and I were in the Army together and we had stopped by the farm to visit on our way up to Kalkaska. Elna was a sweet person and was very welcoming to my wife & I and our son. We admired her and Hartley for the fine sons they had raised as well as their kindness in raising so many foster children over the years.

Dick & Iris Miller - November 20, 2013 at 04:28 PM

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“ Elna And Hartley were so good to my young family when we were nighbors near the farm. VERY fond memories, thank you!
GOD BLESS

Sharlene Kruse - November 19, 2013 at 01:54 PM