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Funeral services for Arvis Gross, 94, of Jefferson, long-time resident of Grand Junction, IA, will be held 10:30am Saturday, June 24, 2017 at St. Brigid Catholic Church in Grand Junction, IA. Interment will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Grand Junction.

Friends may call at St. Brigid Catholic Church in Grand Junction after 4:00pm Friday, June 23, 2017. The family will be present at the church to greet friends between 6:30pm – 8:00pm Friday, with a Vigil For The Deceased at 7:00pm.

Arvis Gross was born April 6, 1923 to John and Margaret Ralle in Havelock, Iowa. To welcome her home was her sister, Lois, and to follow were three more sisters: Lavon, Arlene and Jan. Arvis attended school in Spencer, Iowa. Upon her graduation from high school, Arvis attended Mercy School of Nursing in Sioux City, Iowa. There she met Mary Gross and they became friends. Arvis would occasionally go home with Mary to visit and that was when she met the love of her life, Charles D. Gross, Mary's brother. Arvis loved her career in nursing as it brought her many rewards in helping people who needed care.

Arvis and Chuck started seeing each other and on March 5, 1946 they were joined in marriage. To this union, Chuck and Arvis decided to expand their family by adopting a son, Edward Joseph Gross on October 23, 1951, and a daughter, Julie Anne Gross on March 4, 1956. They were a happy family of four and started their family life in a small old school house three miles east of Grand Junction and just north of the railroad tracks. After a few years they purchased the home place of Chuck's parents, John and Agnes Gross. In

1972, Chuck and Arvis sold the family farm and purchased an acreage on the south edge of Grand Junction, behind the Catholic Church where they both lived until Chuck passed away on June 3, 2010 and Arvis continued to live there until January 28, 2017 when she went to live in Assisted Living at The Gardens in Jefferson, Iowa, where she lived until her passing on June 15, 2017.

Arvis had many talents that added to her life. She loved to cook and she loved to sew and was very good at both of those items. She later helped Chuck with his wood working projects. She learned to use the lathe and loved to make rolling pins and give them to her friends. She also tried her hand at painting to add a touch of individuality to her work. She quilted many afghans and gave them as gifts. Later she loved to sit and watch the birds come to her feeders, but she always had some words for the ornery squirrels that would rob the birds of their food. It was a good thing she couldn't get her hands on those squirrels; who knows what might have happened!!!

In her later years, osteoporosis and osteoarthritis plagued Arvis but she never let that slow her down. She loved to go outside and sit in her chair and enjoy the sun. If Ed was mowing she would watch him mow and naturally took breaks with him. Like any parent she was always concerned that something might happen to him, so she would be on watch. She also loved flowers and plants, so she would watch Julie make up the hanging baskets that hung on her porch in the summer.

Arvis was preceded in death by both of her parents, John and Margaret Ralle; her two sisters, Lois and Lavon; and a son-in-law, Terry Drake. She is survived by her son, Edward Gross of Churdan, and her daughter, Julie Drake of Ogden; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by all those whose lives she touched, who are left behind.

Good Bye for now Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma and Aunt, until we meet again!

Slininger-Schroeder Funeral Home, Jefferson 515-386-2171

Cemetery

Events

Mount Calvary Cemetery JUN

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Grand Junction, IA,

Visitation with Family

06:30PM - 08:00PM

St. Brigid Catholic Church

303 15th Street South, Grand Junction, IA, US, 50107

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Vigil for the Deceased

07:00PM

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Funeral Service

10:30AM

St. Brigid Catholic Church

303 15th Street South, Grand Junction, IA, US, 50107

Comments



“ I met and worked with Arvis at the Masonic Home in Perry during the late 70s and early 80s. She was such a pleasure to work with and an excellent DON appreciated very much by residents and staff alike. Just thinking about her lately and wondering how she was. May God Bless Her as she enjoys her well earned reward in heaven.
Linda Stoner Social Work Consultant

Linda Stoner - June 23, 2017 at 08:09 AM



“ Julie so sorry about your mom she was one sweet lady. I can remember years ago when we worked at Jefferson Manor.. I especially remember you was going to take me to Ames to see dad then he passed away.I never forgot that was so nice of you. God bless.

Maureen David - June 22, 2017 at 08:32 AM



“ Ed, so sorry to hear of you mom's passing. Let the good memories help you through this sad time. Your long lost farm neighbor Marcia (Johnson)

Marcia Torgerson - June 19, 2017 at 12:16 PM