



Genevieve R. Schmidt

April 15, 1925 - February 23, 2013

Genevieve R. Schmidt, of Hustisford, passed away Saturday, February 23, 2013 at the age of 87 years. She was born in Hartford on April 15, 1925, the daughter of Paul and Catherine (nee Lischka) Zingsheim.

Genevieve, along with her friends, would hide behind school during recess to speak German. Speaking anything other than English was not allowed in school during that time. To this day, she still greeted her family and friends with “Wie Gehts?” and when things weren’t going her way, she would say “Ach du Lieben!” Like many children during this time, Genevieve had to leave school early to help at home and to work outside the home to raise money for her family. She began working outside the home at 13 years old. Genevieve cooked, cleaned, nannied and cared for the elderly. It was during this time in her life that she found her passion, cooking. She met Wilfred Schmidt and married him on May 7, 1949. Together they raised eight children. In 1968, they moved to Hustisford and Genevieve opened Schmidt’s Village Pantry. This was a woman with an 8th grade education, eight children to raise, and she opened her own business! For the next 20 years, she worked endlessly to provide great German cooking and customer service to thousands of customers over the years. Genevieve loved spending time with family and friends. She enjoyed many family reunions and fishing trips. Genevieve was

always surrounded by her children, siblings, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and was always friendly, kind, happy, positive and grateful. She was also an avid card player, playing Sheepshead, Canasta, Pinochle, Cribbage and Solitaire. In her retirement, she would have played over 30,000 games of solitaire! She played even more hands of Sheepshead! Most importantly, Genevieve was very devout. She probably burned as many religious candles to pray for others as she played hands of solitaire. Genevieve prayed the Rosary twice a day every day. She always put God first and was devoted to our Blessed Virgin Mary.

She is preceded in death by her husband Wilfred Schmidt in 2001, her daughter Brenda, infant granddaughter, her sister Veronica Ewert, her brothers Eugene, Phillip and Daniel Zingsheim, her brothers-in-law Herman Schulteis and William Kenealy, her sons-in-law Michael Engerson and Gordon Skalitzky Sr.

Genevieve is survived by her children Mark Schmidt of Hustisford, Fern (Dan) Turner of Reeseville, Julie Engerson of Hustisford, John Schmidt of Reeseville, Bruce (Cecelia) Schmidt of Hartford, Gail Schmidt of Oshkosh and Mary Ellen (Brian) Bauerschmidt of Pleasant Prairie, 14 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild, her sisters Rita Schulteis of Germantown, Pauline Kenealy of Theresa, her brother Fred (Dianne) Zingsheim of Theresa, her sister-in-law Marilyn Zingsheim of Theresa, her brother-in-law Roy Ewert of Hartford, her son-in-law Wesley Braunschweig of Neosho. She is further survived by many many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, February 27, 2013, from 10 AM – 12 Noon at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Neosho. Funeral Service will follow at 12 Noon at the Church. Rev. Alois Van Beek will officiate. Interment Hustisford Cemetery.

The Berndt-Ledesma Funeral Home is serving the family.

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Tribute Wall

GS

“ *I miss you Mom!!!*

Gail Schmidt - March 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NV

“ *You have our sympathy*

Neal and Diane VanBuren - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ *My Mom, Dorothy Zingsheim, and I had plans to attend the funeral today but due to the weather and some other things that came up, we were not able to attend. I am Philip's (Paul's brother) daughter. My your faith be your comfort during this time.*

Diane Zingsheim - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *to all the family we will miss your mom's smile and hugs.*

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SL

“ *Mary,*

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

The memories of your mother will remain forever in your heart.

Your friend,

Shelly Lange

Shelly Lange - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ *Fern and family*

We are so sorry to hear of the death of your mother and grandmother. Although we didn't see her often she had a special twinkle in her eye that will always be remembered. She was a remarkable woman and will truly be missed. Sorry we won't be able to make the service on Wednesday, but you all will be in our thoughts and prayers. Nancy and Scott

Nancy and Scott Sorensen - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM