



Lila Joyce Murray

February 12, 1928 - February 14, 2016

Lila J. Murray, age 88, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Sunday, February 14, 2016 at her home in Storm Lake.

Funeral Mass will be held Friday, February 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will follow in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will take place Thursday, February 18, 2016 from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. with a rosary at 4:30 p.m. and a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Lila Joyce Cleveland was born February 12, 1928 in Sac County, Iowa, the daughter of Charles Harvey and Grace Caroline (Norton) Cleveland.

Lila attended grade school in Sac City, and later graduated from Hayes Township in 1946.

On February 7, 1950, Lila was united in marriage to Joseph J. Murray at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Together they were blessed with four children: M. Linda, Terry, Michele, and Mark.

Lila was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake where she was active in the guild, Catholic Daughters of America, and the quilting group.

Together with her husband, Joe, Lila loved to travel the world each winter. She was a talented seamstress and quilter. Lila also enjoyed entertaining friends and relatives at her home. Lila will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and friend to many.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Linda (Dan) Hopp of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Terry (Karen) Murray of Storm Lake, Iowa; Michele Murray of Lexington, Kentucky; grandchildren: Robert (Wendy) Hopp, Elizabeth (Justin) Kennedy, Jill (Mike) Fetrow, Tony (Angelique) Murray, David (Sindy) Murray, Rebecca Murray (fiancé, Justin Jodoin), Laura (Devin) Newell; fifteen great grandchildren; brother, Marvin Cleveland of Kansas City, Missouri; sister, Bonnie Zipf of Sarasota, Florida; extended family and friends.

Lila was preceded in death by her parents; husband; infant son, Mark; brother, Melvin Cleveland; and sister, Patsy White.

Previous Events

Rosary

FEB 18. 4:30 PM (CT)

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Vigil Service

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Service

FEB **19**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca Street
Storm Lake, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lila Joyce Murray*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - February 18, 2016 at 01:47 PM

BT

“ *Linda, Terry, and Michelle,*

I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I have many memories of the three of you, and Joe and Lila, visiting the Toohey farm, and of the times we visited your home. The Murrays were a big part of our childhood, and I will always remember your parents fondly. They were such fun-loving, happy, wonderful people. They will be missed.

Bill Toohey

Bill Toohey - February 18, 2016 at 01:51 AM



“ *Sincerest Sorrow - Multicolor Bright was purchased for the family of Lila Joyce Murray.*



February 17, 2016 at 05:30 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Lila Joyce Murray.*



February 17, 2016 at 01:07 PM



“ *When I was serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines in the early 1980s, Uncle Joe, Aunt Lila, and my parents, Cody and Kathleen (Murray) McKenna came to visit my husband and I. There was really no place to stay in our small town so we borrowed a big mosquito net and two mattresses to serve as their sleeping quarters in our one room nipa hut made of woven grass. All four of them, in their late 50s, slept on the floor in a grass hut where little animals crept at night... Spiders, snakes, centipedes, lizards, and rodents. The first night everyone was settled in for "sleep" when a hat or it could have been a lizard fell on top of the mosquito net. Aunt Lila let out a huge startled scream! In my 50s now, I would never set up such a rustic sleeping arrangement for our honored guests!!!! But the story illustrates what troopers Uncle Joe and Aunt Lila and my parents were. It also shows how well they traveled together on many adventures!*

From the PI, we also made a trip to Hong Kong with the four of them, where they bought phoney watches and street art. We rode junks in the bay. They did draw the line at eating chicken feet soup. I hope they all come down and join me whenever I am blessed with travel. And I will be sure to drink a toast to all four of them whenever I am in foreign lands!

Colleen McKenna - February 17, 2016 at 12:01 PM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Lila Joyce Murray.*



February 17, 2016 at 02:02 AM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Lila Joyce Murray.*



February 16, 2016 at 08:50 PM



“ *Jeff And Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Lila Joyce Murray*



Jeff and Jean Chindlund - February 16, 2016 at 03:47 PM



“ *Dear Terry, Karen and all the Murray family,
Sending you our prayers and sympathy. So sorry to hear about Lila!
Tony and Cathleen (Toohey) Lehmann*

Tony & Cathleen Lehmann - February 16, 2016 at 12:15 PM

DJ

“ *Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Lila Joyce Murray*



Deb and Kevin Jesse - February 16, 2016 at 08:50 AM

FK

“ *Frank And Jan Klahs lit a candle in memory of Lila Joyce Murray*



Frank and Jan Klahs - February 15, 2016 at 08:29 PM

Dan McKenzie

“ *There's a lot of her in you Terry. Her strength is there.*



Dan McKenzie - February 15, 2016 at 08:26 PM

PO

“ *Pat O'Leary lit a candle in memory of Lila Joyce Murray*



Pat O'Leary - February 15, 2016 at 07:38 PM

PO

We shared many coca colas on mowing day! Hope they have Coke in heaven!

Pat O'Leary - February 15, 2016 at 07:41 PM

JD

“ *John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Lila Joyce Murray*



John and Connie Demers - February 15, 2016 at 05:40 PM

JD

Our thoughts and prayers go out to each of you.

John and Connie Demers - February 15, 2016 at 05:41 PM

FM

Lila and Joe were my second parents, I was ten when they were married and spent a lot of time at their home while I was growing up. I came to appreciate her many talents which were numerous but to mention a few, record keeping, writing, sewing, organizing and cooking. She could even toot a pretty good trumpet when she was younger. Along with their neighbors, Floyd and Wanda Gustafson, Joe and Lila began the Por-A-Hut corporation and Lila's record keeping was instrumental in getting it off to a good start. Lila was a great cook and always seemed to be ready when Joe would drag someone home for lunch or dinner and I was the recipient of many of those meals. They were always good and she seemed to always be well prepared. At the famous family reunions and the shed parties she was always one to be able to prepare special dishes to fit the occasion. She was loyal to her family to her community and to her Faith. She was a part of a generation that will be difficult to replace because is he could do so many things so well. Fr Gene Murray

Fr. Gene Murray - February 18, 2016 at 02:11 PM