



Lorraine M. German

July 6, 1923 - November 6, 2021

PIERCE -- Funeral service for Lorraine M. German, 98, formerly of Pierce, NE will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, November 12th, 2021 at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierce with Father Tim Forget and Deacon Doug Tunink officiating. Visitation will be 4:00-7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 11, 2021 with a Prayer Service including the Rosary starting at 7:00 p.m. also at the church. Interment will be at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, rural Pierce, following the funeral. The service will be live-streamed on the Stonacek Funeral Chapel Facebook page. Mrs. German died peacefully in her sleep on Saturday, November 6th, 2021 surrounded by her children and the wonderful caregivers at Heritage of Bel Air Nursing Home in Norfolk NE.

Stonacek Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Lorraine Mary Abler was born July 6, 1923 in Humphrey, NE to Joseph Abler and Magdalena "Lena" (Fuchs) Abler. When she was 3 years old, the family moved to Peetz, CO where Joe had purchased a farm. They moved to Pierce, NE, to take over the family farm when Lorraine was 11. She said she remembered riding a buckboard to school. After graduating from Pierce High School in 1941 she went to work in the Extension Office at the Pierce County Courthouse for \$40 per month, paying her parents \$10 per month for room and board. December 7th that same year the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and she chose to go to Washington DC to help with the war effort. She was there about 6 months and decided she could support the war effort just as well

from Nebraska. She moved to Columbus, NE to work for the Director of Advertising for Consumers Public Power.

After a long-distance courtship, she married 2nd Lt Robert E German on May 7, 1946. They lived in military housing in Austin, TX then settled in Pierce in 1947, where they raised 6 children and ran German & Son Grocery Store. Robert and Lorraine, along with son Gary, were members of the first Emergency Medical Technician Class in Pierce and Bob and Lorraine served as squad members for 16 years. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, where she and Jacque Abler published the church bulletin for 17 years. She was a member of St. Joseph's Altar Society, the Fireman's Auxiliary, Legion Auxiliary and she worked for many years as an Assistant Librarian at Pierce High School. She represented Pierce in the Mrs. Nebraska competition. Lorraine loved baking, cooking, sewing and her home was always welcoming. Her pecan pies were a specialty to anyone who loved pecan pies. Her Faith, her love of family, and making her house a home were how she viewed the world. Memories of time spent sitting around her kitchen table and drinking coffee are cherished by all who knew her.

Lorraine is survived by her children Diana (Jack) Grubb of Kingsley, IA, Patricia (Frank) Manthei of Aurora, CO, Roger (Tracy) German of Gainesville, FL, Gary (Cindy) German of Fremont, NE, Sandra (James) Echternacht of Clarkrange, TN, Sherri (Gerry) Krueger of Pierce, NE, 17 grandchildren: Jason (Kate) Grubb, Renee Grubb, Ryan (Stephanie) Grubb, Nicole (Nate) Nearman, Deb (Joe) Lopez, Mark Manthei, Erik (Solana Pyne) German, Malia (David) Ku, Adam (Michelle) German, Jessica (Joshua) Hoffman, Jake (Shaunie Allen) German, Alexandra (fiancé Dustin) Echternacht, Ian Echternacht, Zoe Echternacht, Joshua (Sarah) Krueger, Bobbie (Luke) Tibbetts, Tyler (McKayla) Krueger, 21 great grandchildren, and siblings Eileen Koehn of Plano, TX, Carolyn Hogle of Alpharetta, GA, Jerry (Betty) Abler of Wahoo, NE, Gene (Sharon) Abler of Des Moines, IA and sister in law Jacque

Abler of Pierce, NE.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Magdalena Abler, husband Robert, brother Maynard Abler, and brothers in law, Tom Hoglund, and Dale Koehn.

Casket Bearers will be her grandchildren Jason Grubb, Renee Grubb, Ryan Grubb, Nicole Nearman, Deb Lopez, Mark Manthei, Erik German, Malia Ku, Adam German, Jessica Hoffman, Jake German, Alex Echternacht, Ian Echternacht, Zoe Echternacht, Joshua Krueger, Bobbie Tibbetts, and Tyler Krueger.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

“If you have a mom, there is nowhere you are likely to go where a prayer has not already been.” Robert Brault

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery - Rural Pierce

Rural Pierce
Pierce, NE 68767

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Pierce
118 Willow St.
Pierce, NE 68767

Vigil Service

NOV 11. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lorraine M. German*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lorraine M. German.*



November 11, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ *I'm sorry for the loss of your mom/grandma!*

Danielle Grubb Panowicz - November 11, 2021 at 07:46 AM



“ *Gary & Cindy & family,
We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. We wish we could have met this special lady! We hope you'll take time to tell the stories about your mom that will help you smile.
Sincerest sympathy,
Eileen & Bob Thornburg*

eileen thornburg - November 10, 2021 at 10:22 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lorraine M. German.*



November 10, 2021 at 09:05 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lorraine M. German.*



November 10, 2021 at 04:29 PM



“ *My dear sister, I miss and love you so very much!! Thank you for all the wonderful times we spent together, for so graciously sharing your home, your family, your time and talents with me and my family. Till we merrily meet in heaven! God bless you.*

Eileen Abler Koehn - November 10, 2021 at 01:13 PM



“ *My condolences to the family!*

Brian J. Schlote - November 09, 2021 at 07:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lorraine M. German.*



November 09, 2021 at 03:32 PM



“ *Gloria Millender and Geraldine Corley purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lorraine M. German.*



Gloria Millender and Geraldine Corley - November 08, 2021 at 03:59 PM



“ *We were able to get to know Lorraine when she lived in Kinship Point (The Oaks) in Wayne. We enjoyed bringing her communion after church on Sundays. She was a sweet kind woman.*
Tom and Cindy Lee

Tom and Cindy Lee - November 08, 2021 at 03:05 PM