

Lucille Gallagher, 95

Aug. 11, 1919 - June 4, 2015

MANILLA — Lucille Eleanor Gallagher was born August 11, 1919, the daughter of James and Nora Keating. One of seven children, Lucille learned to work with others early in her life. She attended the Hanover #7 Country School through eighth grade, continuing at the Denison High School and graduating in 1937. After graduation, Lucille attended the manual training in the summer of 1937 with a desired goal of becoming a school teacher. Upon completion of the summer training, the enthusiastic Lucille immediately began teaching at Paradise Center School, located southwest of Denison.

It was at a dance at the Uwana in Denison that Lucille first met the love of her life, Arnie. They were married on June 5, 1939 at the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in her hometown of Denison, and blessed with the birth of four children. After honeymooning in Omaha, the newlyweds relocated to Alliance, NE. Following a short stint in the cornhusker state, the couple returned to west central Iowa, settling in Manilla. It was there that she continued teaching children in Buck Grove, Hikey School #5, and finally at Manilla School. Over the course of her career, she excelled with primary aged children, specifically first and second graders. Lucille has always adored children, claiming she never taught a "bad" child. Lucille's teaching career spanned 36 years, culminating with her retirement in 1983. She was always a worker, and was always up for a challenge. One of her special characteristics was her desire to not only educate students in academics, but instilling morals and developing their character, as well. She modeled this with her presence and actions. Family members recall Grandma Pluxie always looking sharp and acting classy. When she needed to get the attention of anyone, a quick snap of the fingers was all that was necessary. Also, it was easy to know when important information was being shared, as she would point with her index finger in order to drive her point home.

First and foremost is Lucille's life was her Catholic Faith. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Church in Manilla, where she read, led the Rosary for the Sunday Mass and was part of the Altar and Rosary Society. Her faith served as a strong model for her entire family. Lucille and Arnie were both hard workers, but they found time to enjoy several activities. Ballroom dancing was a passion for the couple, including traveling as far away as Utica, NE to follow big bands such as Paul Moorhead. Additionally, Lucille was also accomplished with ceramics and embroidery, and her creations were cherished. After Arnie's passing in 2010, Lucille went to live with her sister, Marie Evers, in Soldier. In May of 2013, Lucille moved into the Manilla Manor. Lucille has been a positive influence on many people over the course of her life. Her generous ways, powerful work ethic, and genuine care for others has made an encouraging impact on all who have known her. Lucille died at the Manilla Manor Nursing Home in Manilla, Thursday, June 4, 2015 at the age of ninety-five.

Lucille is preceded in death by her parents; one son Kenny; brother James and his wife Marie; two sisters: Irene and her husband, Oscar; and Marg. Survivors include one daughter, Karen and her husband, Bob; two sons, Kasey and his wife, Lorraine and Kevin; 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren; three sisters; Marie, Kay and Rita; many other relatives and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial was held 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manilla. Father John Gerald served as Celebrant of the Mass with interment in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Manilla. Organist Irene Feilmeier provided accompaniment for the Sacred Heart Choir. Norbert Kasperbauer, Shari Pithan, and Pat Kloewer served as Eucharistic Ministers, Jay Gallagher and Tim Kloewer served as lectors, Lucille's children served as gift bearers and Tyler and Jarod Henkelman were servers. Serving as pallbearers were Jeff Gallagher, Jay Gallagher, Tim Kloewer, Pat Kloewer, Dave Walker, Tom Gallagher, Ken Gallagher, Mark Kloewer, and Scott Kloewer. The family invited everyone to return to the church for fellowship and lunch served by the Altar Society.



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