



Iola Cecilia Kuehl

March 5, 1919 - February 4, 2010

Iola Cecilia Kuehl ("Olie"), 90, formerly of Elkader, IA, passed away on Thursday, February 4, 2010 at home in St. Robert, MO. A memorial service celebrating her life will be held July 10, 2010 in the Hope Lutheran Church of Littleport, Iowa.

Iola was born on March 5, 1919, to William and Adeline (Schulte) Vorwald, in rural Garber, IA. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Michael's Church, Garber, IA. She attended rural school #5 Volga Township, St. Joseph's High School, Elkader Jr. College, and Upper Iowa College at Fayette, where she graduated with a degree in Elementary Education. Olie taught for a total of 38 years in Clayton County schools; in the country schools of Volga, Jefferson, and Boardman Townships, and central Community Schools in Elkader as a kindergarten teacher.

Olie was united in marriage to Elmer Kuehl of rural Elkport on December 26, 1940. In 1963 they were blessed with the adoption of two infant daughters from Seoul, Korea. In 1972 Olie joined her husband's church, Immanuel Lutheran Church of Elkport, where she was a vital and active member for many years. In 2005, she moved to St. Robert, MO, to live with her daughter and son-in-law, after her husband's death in 2004.

She cherished spending time with her family, writing letters, reading, and in

later years, talking on the phone to relatives and friends. Her love for teaching continued into her retirement and later years, as she helped many children with their skills in reading and writing.

She is survived by her daughters, Lola (David) Herman of West Bloomfield, MO, and Kim (Aaron) Stoltz of St. Robert, MO; three grandchildren, Jason (Jade) Hunt of Johnston, IA, Jamie Hunt of Fort Worth, TX, and Tyler (Christie Barcelos) Boone of Sunderland, MA; and one great-grandchild, Clay Barcelos; five sisters-in-law, two brothers-in-law, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Elmer; her parents; four sisters, Helen Voss, Marie Frommelt, Catherine Carroll and Eileen Deutsch; three brothers, Laurell, Haldane, and Cyril Vorwald.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Hope Lutheran Church, Littleport, IA; The Immanuel Preservation Society, Elkport, IA; or Phelps County Regional Medical Center Hospital Foundation for Hospice, Rolla, MO.

Arrangements were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert. Memorial information may be found on their website and on-line condolences may be sent to: www.memorialchapeslandcrematory.com. Address: 202 Historic 66 West, Waynesville, MO 65583, (573) 774-6111.

Previous Events

Service

JUL 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hope Lutheran Church
Littleport, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Lola Cecilia Kuehl*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lola Cecilia Kuehl*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Kim and Lola: I'm so sorry about the loss of your mother. She was such a special lady. I have so many memories of her. She was my kindergarten teacher and all my memories of Immanuel Lutheran Church have her in it. She put us all to shame when we cleaned church. No one could keep up with your Mom.*

I'm glad I was able to see her one more time when I visited Missouri.

Marcy (Bahls) Hong##imported-begin##Marcy (Bahls)

Hong##imported-end##

March 16, 2010 at 08:12 PM



“ Lola, Kim and families What a great lady your Mom was. She taught me Cathecism. She share so much with us. Our bond enhanced when I joined Immanuel also. Needless to say when we adopted our daughters . God made the world better and easier when he loaned us your Mom. Darla##imported-begin##Dick and Darla Zittergruen##imported-end##

February 24, 2010 at 09:55 PM



“ We are all very sorry to hear of Olie's death. I do not have a Kuehl or Immanuel memory without your mother as the star! She was truley a Kuehl Icon in Clayton County! You were very devoted to her care and well being. I am looking forward to her memorial serivce in July. God Bless! Michele, Steve, Hannah, Abigail, & Josef##imported-begin##Michele Von Handorf##imported-end##

February 19, 2010 at 07:22 AM



“ Dear Kim, Aaron and family, my sincere condolences to all of you. Kim, thank you for sharing your wonderful mother with me, she was my "mom" here in Missouri. We had some good, quality times together. Will really miss her. My prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Marisol ##imported-end##

February 15, 2010 at 08:11 PM



“ Dear Kim, Lola and families,
You have my deepest sympathy in the loss of your mother. I loved her, too. I will miss talking to her on the phone, laughing with her or commiserating with her about the craziness of the world. I will miss her birthday card to me every year. She was our beloved Aunt Jellyroll. She was one in a million. I learned so much from her. Besides teaching me how to read and write as my second and third grade teacher, I was also her summer hired girl for two summers where I learned from the master how to do life's tasks the proper way. She taught me to cook, bake, iron, hang clothes on the line correctly, paint, sand wood, varnish, and wash milk dishes so clean that if the inspector came it sure wouldn't be my fault that they got demerits! The most important thing I learned from Aunt Olie, however, was to give to others without any thought of getting something back. She was a very generous soul and helped people throughout her life in ways that no one even knew about. She also showed me how wonderful being a mother would be. When you girls arrived from Korea, I was your live-in babysitter for awhile. One day I found Olie sobbing as she watched you sleeping in your cribs. I asked her what was wrong. She replied that she was just so happy, that she never thought she would have this. You girls made her life meaningful and joyous. She was an amazing woman. After God made her, He broke the mold.

Love and hugs,

Cousin Patty##imported-begin##Patty Larson##imported-end##

February 13, 2010 at 06:00 PM



“ Dear Lola, Kim and families,
It was with much sadness that I heard of your mother's passing. I have many fond memories of Olie growing up in Elkader and over the years as I returned for visits. As you know, she and my mother were dear friends and cousins. Mother is so very sad to have lost her dearest cousin and friend. Her phone calls and letters meant so much to mother since they both left Elkader. Olie was one of those special relatives who gave so much to everyone and seemed to know when others needed that extra comfort and support. I fondly remember when you girls were adopted and the family dinners at the farm. Your mother will be missed by all of us but remembered with fondness for her unending kindness and devotion to family and friends.
With Sympathy...Diane Matt Synhorst..daughter of Allene
Matt###imported-begin##Diane Matt Synhorst###imported-end##

February 13, 2010 at 02:53 PM



“ Dear Lola and Kim:
Please accept our sincere condolences for the loss of your mother.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Gary and Nancy Thurn###imported-begin##Gary and Nancy
Thurn###imported-end##

February 13, 2010 at 09:47 AM



“ Thank you for the beautiful tribute to your Mom and "Aunt Olie" to me
May you find peace within yourself
God Bless you for all you've done for her over the years. she was a beautiful person.##imported-begin##Lois & EDDie and our families##imported-end##

February 11, 2010 at 10:43 PM



“ Kim, I'm so sorry. I just heard the sad news. May God comfort you at this time. You & your family are in my thoughts & prayers.##imported-begin##Carolyn Brooks##imported-end##

February 10, 2010 at 04:46 PM



“ To Kim, Lola, and Aunt lola's Family,
My deepest sympathy is extended to you at this time of your/our
great loss.

I first recall meeting Aunt Olie in the early 1950's when she was still in her 30's, teaching, cutting my hair in her basement barber shop, holding "Everwear Cookware" parties, spending summer vacation with her and Uncle Elmer, and the frequent Sunday dinners at her parents/my grandparents farm with the huge family to mention just a few of my favorite recollections. What great memories I have of her; but, most of all I remember her and Uncle Elmer for being great and decent people who treated me and everyone else with respect and dignity. I remember well how happy they were to adopt the little girls in 1963 which really started to complete their lives. We are all indeed fortunate to have experienced meeting and sharing a special relationship with Aunt Olie and Uncle Elmer and may we hold those memories close to our hearts for an eternity. May those special memories each of us experienced with them sustain us now and in the future every time we think of our Dear Aunt Olie. May she now rest in peace with Uncle Elmer in Heaven. Terry Carroll###imported-begin##Terry Carroll###imported-end##

February 09, 2010 at 09:42 PM



“ Lola, Kim, and family,
We will miss Aunt Olie's wonderful sense of humor and her joyous laugh. Cherish the memories. My sincere condolences to all of you.
Love,
Jeff###imported-begin##Jeff Vorwald ###imported-end##

February 06, 2010 at 11:05 PM



“ Dear Kim,

We are so sorry for the loss of your mother. We have been praying for you every night. May God give you peace during this time.

Love & prayers,

Richard, Melanie, Sophie & Olivia Curry##imported-begin##Richard & Melanie Curry##imported-end##

February 06, 2010 at 10:13 PM