

Obituary

Irene Josephine Krupicka

Irene Josephine Krupicka was born to Amelia Laun Svec and Joseph Svec Jr. on March 18, 1923 on a farm near Milligan Nebraska. Irene passed away April 18, 2008 at BryanLGH Hospital in Lincoln Nebraska at the age of 85 years 1 month. She was one of five children.

Irene attended a country school near Milligan Nebraska until 8th grade when she left school to help with the family farm where her main job was to tend to the cattle and milk the cows. Irene and her sister Ella Mae went to David City one summer to work as waitresses.

Irene married Alfred Krupicka on August 24, 1948 at the Fillmore County Courthouse. Their wedding dance was held at Burrell Nebraska and the Steinacher family band provided the entertainment. To their union four children were born Larry, David, Carolyn, and Judy. In their first year of marriage Alfred and Irene lived in Milligan Nebraska next door to Alfred's parents. Irene and Alfred were employed at the Horseshoe Inn where Irene worked as a waitress and cook and Alfred was a bartender. Irene left her job when their first son Larry was born. They then moved to Fairbury Nebraska where Alfred worked in retail sales for a period of time and Irene stayed home to take care of her expanding family and home. Alfred and Irene then took up farming and rented farms northeast of Milligan and north of Grafton Nebraska for several years. They then moved to Exeter Nebraska around 1955 where they spent the rest of their married life together. Irene worked in the family drive-in called the Frosty Inn that was located in Exeter. She then took a position at Exeter Public School for several years in the Food Service Department. Irene then stayed home to take care of her family and home. Irene and Alfred also worked two routes for 12 years delivering the Trade and Transaction paper where some of the grandchildren would ride with her. She was a very devoted wife and mother who would do anything for her family. Irene loved plants and gardening and spent many of her days outside tending to her large garden. She also loved preparing food for the family from scratch, canning fruits, vegetables and meats, baking bread, kolaches and pies. She also made her own noodles when she made soup. Irene was also an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 240 in Milligan for the last 56 years.

Irene is survived by her husband Alfred, children Larry (wife Debby) of Golden, Colorado, David (wife Linda) of Exeter Nebraska, Carolyn Brock (husband Mark) of Littleton, Colorado, and Judy Hulse (husband Scott) of Friend, Nebraska and many nieces and nephews.

Irene was a proud grandmother of seven grandchildren, Amanda and Andrew Brock; Mitchel and Mariah Hulse; Jeff, Jason, and Jennifer Krupicka. Her grandchildren were the joy of her life.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, and sisters Anna Zajic, Henry Svec, Ernest Svec, and Ella Mae Soukup.

Funeral services were conducted from the Farmer & Son Funeral Home-Kotas Chapel on Saturday, April 26, with Rev. Roger Wolfe officiating. Diane Zeleny accompanied Robert Kassik who sang "Amazing Grace" and "Everyone Carries His Own Cross" in Czech. Casket bearers were Mark Brock, Scott Hulse, Jeffrey Krupicka, Jason Krupicka, Kenneth Soukup and Laverne Krupicka. Honorary casket bearers were Andrew Brock, Mitchel Hulse, Milo Hromdaka, Bernard Zeleny, Richard Soukup, Charles Krupicka and Felix Bedlan. Interment was in the Bohemian National Cemetery with Farmer & Son Funeral Home-Kotas Chapel in charge of arrangements. Memorials are directed to the family.