



Constance "Connie" Bennefeld

November 22, 1945 - September 7, 2014

Constance "Connie" Bennefeld, 68, of Gary, MN, died Sunday, September 7, 2014, in Sanford Palliative Care, Fargo, ND.

Connie Faye Hagy was born November 22, 1945, the daughter of Francis and Helen (Broers) Hagy in Ada, MN. She was raised on her parent's farm east of Gary and was baptized and confirmed at Ness Lutheran Church near Gary. Connie attended school in Gary where she graduated from Gary High School with the class of 1963. On December 8, 1963, Connie was united in marriage to Dean Bennefeld at Ness Lutheran Church. The couple made their home near Gary where they spent their entire married life. In 1978, Connie began her employment with American Crystal Sugar in Crookston in the maintenance department. She continued her employment there until her retirement in 2008.

Connie was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church and over the years, she enjoyed participating in her ladies aide group. Some of her favorite pastimes included gardening, playing cards and baking, especially making sugar cookies. Connie loved shopping and her family will always remember the tradition she made of shopping on "Black Friday", which those who went, especially looked forward to.

Connie is survived by her husband, Dean of Gary; sons, Roger (Rhonda) Bennefeld and Jason "JB" (Wendy) Bennefeld all of Gary, and Kevin Bennefeld of New Rockford, ND; daughters, Julie (Danny) Martinson of Fargo, ND and Kathy (Stacy) Schultz of Bismarck, ND; brothers: Craig (Joyce) Hagy

of Moorhead, MN, Bruce Hagy, Mark (Cheryl) Hagy and Michael Hagy all of Gary; sisters: Carol Kalinoski, Denise (Bruce) Griewe and Dawn (Roger) Lee all of Gary; 20 grandchildren; one great-grandson and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents and a granddaughter, Brittany.

Funeral Services were held on Friday, September 12, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, rural Ada. Visitation was Thursday, September 11th from 5-7 p.m. with a Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m. at the Anderson Family Funeral Home in Twin Valley and one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. Officiating was Pastor Dean Bell with Mary Ann Bell serving as organist and special music provided by Dee Dee Grieve and Kevin Jensen. Pallbearers were Evan Bennefeld, Gabriel Bennefeld, Taylor Bennefeld, Tyler Bennefeld, Jake Schultz and Matthew Lee.

Burial was in Gary Lutheran Cemetery, Gary.

Tribute Wall

ST

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of Connie's family. I have wonderful memories of Connie, riding the bus to school, Sunday School, and Lutheran League. May each of your memories sustain you through this difficult time and may God enfold each of you in his arms of comfort. In friendship,*

Sharon Thompson~Johnson - September 16, 2014 at 10:10 PM

DC

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to all of Connies' Family. Thoughts and Prayers are with you all.*
David and Carol Narum

David and Carol - September 12, 2014 at 02:43 PM

KR

“ *To the family: My heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to you all with the loss of Connie. May memories bring a sense of peace to each and knowing also she is no longer suffering. God Bless you!*

Karen Rothschadl - September 11, 2014 at 05:52 PM

DL

“ *We are sorry to hear of your loss. Hang onto all the good memories you have of Connie. They will help you thru this difficult and sad time. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Dale and JoAnn Luchau - September 11, 2014 at 04:12 PM

KC

“ *Dean and families - thinking of you all during your loss - our sympathy to you and your families. Karen Carlsrud & Bob Erickson*

Karen Carlsrud - September 11, 2014 at 01:45 PM

KS

“ *I am sorry to hear of your loss. May God comfort you and hold you close.*

Kaye (Hanson) Mills Sumey - September 09, 2014 at 04:26 PM

SA

“ *Julie~ I am very sorry for the loss of your mother. I hope that your family can find respite in the peace she has found.*

Sue A. - September 09, 2014 at 10:20 AM

LV

“ *Dear family of Connie, I was so surprised that Connie was sick. My heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to you her family. May God give you comfort in His loving arms. God bless all of you. Ron and LaVonne*

Lavonne Voltz - September 08, 2014 at 08:21 PM