



Lucile M. Davidson

April 13, 1921 - May 6, 2015

Lucile Marie Davidson,

94, of Felch, died early Thursday morning May 6, 2015 at Manor Care Nursing Home in Kingsford where she had been a resident for many years.

Lucile was born at home in Carlock, IL on April 13, 1921 the oldest of six children of the late Elmer and Jessie(Kiser) Bayles.

She rode her horse to schools near Carlock and graduated from New Trier High School in the Chicago suburb of Winnetka in 1939.

While working in Evanston she married the late Harry J. Davidson on August 4, 1941 in Chicago. They bought a farm in Felch and began raising five children before they had electricity, running water, or a telephone. Seeing the windmill through her kitchen window was a favorite view. The windmill stands as a monument to their years together.

She was a loving wife and mother, lively and enthusiastic. She encouraged the children in all that they attempted. She had the gift of hospitality. All visitors were made to feel genuinely welcome. No one ever left her house hungry. She was a dynamo in the kitchen, an avid reader, and card player. She also enjoyed playing dartball for many years.

Besides being an outstanding homemaker, she worked several years in Iron Mountain at Kay's Kitchen and the Dickinson Hotel, where she met many dignitaries. She worked for local potato farmers during fall harvests.

Her culinary talents were recognized by winning a potato bake-off . The prize included a train ride to Chicago to be on the popular Don McNeil's Breakfast

Club radio show.

She is survived by three sons, Robert of Felch, Edward (Janet) of Felch, Doug (Cynda) of Fruitport; two daughters, Ann (Randy) Sheldon and Muriel (Jim) Bratcher both of Columbiaville; five sisters, Cleo Colaw of Bloomington, IL, Marjorie Martin of Bloomington, Elma Voorheis of Normal, IL, and Shirley Rosendahl of Gibson City, IL; sister-in-law Marie Bayles of Normal; 18 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry, daughter-in-law Darlene Davidson, brother Elmer Bayles, and an infant great-grandson Nicholas Jerome .

She chose to be cremated and did not wish to have any memorial services. The family will hold a private service.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be offered in her memory to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, PO Box 186, Felch, MI 49831, where she was a member, a quilter and member of LCWA. Memorials may also be made to the Dickinson-Iron Gideons, PO Box 332, Quinnesec, MI 49876.

Condolences to the family of Lucile Davidson may be expressed online at ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements

Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincere sympathy to the entire Davidson family. What comfort to know that our loved ones are in a better place. None the less, it is sad to see the people pass on that were such an integral part of the community I knew and loved.*

The Davidson's were our nearest neighbors (which was still a mile or so away). I remember being at a few birthday parties there and our families visiting once and awhile.

(It seemed that mom's were always busy in the kitchen but still found time to visit and have a cup of coffee.)

When my mom was older she looked forward to visiting with Lucille and others at the Rein home (also a neighbor). Lucille would make some delicious traditional Swedish dishes - especially around the holidays. She certainly had a gift of hospitality.

Anyway, you're in my thoughts and prayers.

Valerie Lucas

Valerie Lucas - May 11, 2015 at 04:36 PM

DL

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Davidson family. Your mother was indeed a wonderful person. Both your mom and dad were so very kind, caring, and highly respected. To my dear friend and classmate Muriel, when my mom passed away, you wrote words to me of high admiration about her. That really helped me. Now I am sending those words back to you about your mom. We were blessed to be raised in our community of people who really care for each other. Your parents were a big part of that blessing. God bless all of you. And especially on this Mother's Day we'll thank God for our mothers, and for our memories of them. Sincerely, Deena Mattson Lindeman*

Deena Mattson Lindeman - May 09, 2015 at 08:09 AM

“ Mom was always a lot of fun for us kids. The annual showing of the Wizard of Oz was a favorite time for us. We helped her make popcorn balls to enjoy during the show.

Thanksgiving was great time. Turkey, mashed potatoes, apple pie, rolls. She was flying all over the kitchen whipping up that and more. The house was fragrant and warm.

Anytime, we could come home to chocolate chip or sugar cookies or raised or fried donuts, pineapple upside down cake or one of Dad's favorites Banana Cream Pie. We were visiting once and mentioned her cream puffs. "Oh, those are easy," she said and promptly made a batch while we visited. Of course, there was plenty of ice cream in the freezer to go with them.

We had lots of birthday parties with homemade cake and playmates, sledding parties, and skating parties. Dad plowed part of the river with the tractor. We bucketed water out of a hole chopped in the ice. Mom supplied the hot chocolate to keep us going.

Education was very important to both Mom and Dad. They helped us with homework and kept on top of our progress. They bought World Book Encyclopedia to help us. Magazines like Saturday Evening Post and Life were sources for us. She had a terrific vocabulary and used it around us.

She was a speed reader especially of mysteries like Perry Mason, Ellery Queen, Agatha Christie, and O. Henry. She enjoyed the Alfred Hitchcock Presents and other detective shows on TV, especially Columbo.

In the last years in Manor Care her mobility was limited but she didn't complain. She said, "I'd prefer to be home, but if I can't be there, this is a good place to be." She displayed contentment wherever she was. She appreciated little gestures like a homemade cupcake or a bunch of grapes. She gave us everything she had in

her, mostly love.

Doug Davidson

Cynda Davidson - May 08, 2015 at 09:10 PM

BB

Thank you, Doug, for the wonderful memories your Mom left with you to share. Our Mom's were very similar in the way they raised us. Your words have meaning for us all. I wish I could have met your Mom. We know there is another angel in heaven. Our most sincere sympathy to you and your entire family.

Bob and Eileen Burnson - May 08, 2015 at 09:19 PM

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Cynda Davidson - May 07, 2015 at 08:36 PM