



Lucille Biegel

February 22, 1914 - July 8, 2016

– Lucille Frances Biegel, 102, of Eleva, died Friday, July 8, 2016 at Strum Area Health and Rehabilitation in Strum.

She was born February 22, 1914 at Stewartville, MN to Jesse and Dollie (Andrew) Birch. She was baptized in the Yellow River and later confirmed in the Lutheran faith. She was raised on a farm near Cadott, WI where she attended Henry School.

She married Otis Philip Biegel, February 19, 1938, at First Baptist Church, Cadott, WI. Lucille and Otis farmed for many years in Chippewa and Eau Claire Counties and settled on a farm near Eleva in 1959. Then she worked as a nurse's aide at Syverson Nursing Home and Strum Nursing Home. Upon retiring she worked at Eleva-Strum High School running the printing press and working in the green house as Senior Aide for 4 years. She then worked at Eau Claire Schools as Foster Grandma at Head Start for 5 ½ years. Lucille had such a deep faith in God, often saying, "I just ask Jesus to help me and He does."

She was a straight shooter who just called it as she saw it, and accepting of everyone. She welcomed everyone into her home and loved visitors. If an unexpected guest showed up at Christmas, she would disappear for a couple minutes, showing back up with a wrapped present, because no one went without a present to open at Grandma Lucy's! She was both thrifty and very generous. An avid gardener, she often had a bag of produce fresh from her garden ready for you to take home, as well as a couple of jars of her canning. She enjoyed crocheting and sewing, and we all received many quilts made by her loving hands over the years.

She was a hard working woman, active in the church's women's group into her 90s. She loved to take on leadership roles, and when she was in charge of meetings, she made sure to include her favorite songs and hymns as part of the gatherings.

Her family meant everything to her. She was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother and care taker. Her greatest joy was caring for children. She and Otis raised their five children, as well as caring for 63 foster children, many with special needs. She loved them

all. She cared for her grandchildren and great grandchildren every chance she got, well into her late 80s.

Her last 10 years became more and more difficult for her as age finally started to take its toll on her. At age 94 she had to move to an apartment in Eleva, as we feared for her safety on the farm on her own. At age 98 1/2, she needed extra care, and went to spend her last four years at Strum Nursing Home.

We will miss her dearly, but we are joyful that the Lord has called her home and freed her from her suffering on earth. She is renewed and refreshed, reunited with her beloved Otis, free to dance a polka once again. We will cherish our memories until we see you once again, our dear mother and beloved Grandma Lucy.

Lucille is survived by her two sons, Rollin (Sharon) Biegel of Eleva, Larry (Lois) Biegel of Greene, RI, two daughters, Ione (Jerome) Traaseth of Strum and Diane Colson of Menomonie; ten grandchildren, Pamela (Steve) Johnson, Keely Biegel, Timothy (Kelli) Traaseth, David (Ann Davidson) Biegel Jr., Dawn (Bradley) Jones, Michael (Julianna) Colson, Bradley (Rebekah) Colson, Mary (Jeffrey) Moyer, Lori (Michael) Rambone, Larry (Tracey) Biegel Jr.; two step granddaughters, Jennifer (Kirt) Feltes, Karen (Adam) Kunan; nineteen great grandchildren, six step great grandchildren and 6 great- great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, sister, Violet Ida LaFaive and half brother, Cecil Andrew, her son David Biegel, and daughter in laws Karen Biegel and Nancy Biegel.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at the Eleva Lutheran Church with the Pastor Bob Castro officiating. Burial will be in the Eleva Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at the Eleva Lutheran Church one hour prior to the service Kjentvet-Smith Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements. You may share your condolences and memories online at www.kjentvet-smithfuneralhome.com

Cemetery

Eleva Cemetery

Eleva, WI, 54738

Events

JUL **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Eleva Lutheran Church

50533 S 2nd St, Eleva, WI, US, 54738

JUL **Funeral Services** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ I met Lucille many years ago with Dave Biegel. WOW what a vibrant woman she was. We went to visit her often. She was extremely friendly and welcoming. So sorry for your loss.

Sheila (Tempski) Kersten
N12758 S Prairie Rd
Osseo, WI 54758

Sheila Kersten - July 14, 2016 at 03:12 PM



“ I worked with Lucy at Randall school. She was a wonderful addition to children's school day. I was the school cook at the time. Sweet lady did so many acts of kindness. I'm sure God welcomed her to heaven.
Sincerely,
Carolyn Lindow

carolyn lindow - July 11, 2016 at 08:10 PM



“ David Biegel Jr, Ann Davison purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Lucille Biegel.



David Biegel Jr, Ann Davison - July 11, 2016 at 09:10 AM



“ Our deepest condolences go out to you dear Diane, Michael and Bradley, your wives and family, as well as the rest of Lucille's family. God bless you with many years to enjoy her, I know your hearts will treasure great memories and there will always be a vacancy in your life she is no longer there to fill. May you find comfort in your remembrances, of her, also with the time you spend together with her family and especially knowing she is in the presence of her sweet Lord and Savior. May the service be a time of joy along with the tears. God Bless. Love, Bill and Linda Colson

Bill/Linda Colson - July 11, 2016 at 08:33 AM