

Luella Lorene Hamilton Karo

Birth: Jun. 25, 1926

Death: Dec. 6, 2013

Luella Lorene Karo, of rural Stuart, Nebraska, died Friday, December 6, 2013. Luella was born to the late Lincoln and Catherine Hamilton, June 25, 1926, in Royal, Antelope County, Nebraska.

Luella was a proficient student and passed 2 grade levels in one year twice to graduate as the salutatorian from Atkinson (NE.) High School in 1942 at the age of 15. Following graduation she attended normal training and began her teaching career. After one year of teaching she moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa during World War II and worked as a manager at the Collins radio plant for a year. Upon returning, she taught two more years before she married Max Melvin Karo on October 28, 1946. They lived south of Stuart, Nebraska on a ranch where she worked right along side Max haying, farming, ranching, cooking meals for the hired help and raising their two children. Luella enjoyed spending the free time she had with her family doing outdoor activities, including, gardening, maintaining her immaculate flower beds, boating, camping, fishing, and hunting. In later years she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great grand children.



You could always see her light up when children were in her company. Her other hobbies included trying new recipes in the kitchen, entertaining friends, being part of the card club, playing the piano and violin, which she taught herself to play. She also had a special passion for dancing and traveling. Luella was an active member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Atkinson, Nebraska. As an avid member of her church she served as the Sunday schools superintendent numerous years and taught Sunday school and the Bethel Bible Series several years. Religion was an integral part of Luella's life.

Luella is survived by: husband, Max Melvin Karo, Sr. of Stuart, Nebraska; brothers, Elvon Hamilton and wife GladysMae of Goodridge, Minnesota and Neale Hamilton of Stuart, Nebraska; children, Max Karo, Jr. and wife Peggy of O'Neill, Nebraska and Patricia Karo of Atkinson, Nebraska; grandchildren, Matthew and wife Jessica Karo, Michael and wife Stephanie Karo, Kandy and husband Eric Weigel, Kitty and husband Cal Alder; great-grandchildren, Addison Karo, Max Karo, Samantha Karo, Megan Karo, Alyssa Karo, Bailey Weigel, Payton Alder, Maddux Alder and Zoe Alder and a host of family and friends.

Luella was preceded in death by: parents.

Funeral Services were Monday December 9, 2013 at 10:30 am at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Atkinson, Nebraska.

Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Atkinson, Nebraska.