



Lillian Mavis (Torpen) Kelly

April 6, 1928 - December 6, 2013

Lillian M. Kelly, age 85, of Brodhead, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, December 6, 2013, at the Monroe Clinic Hospital. She was born on April 6, 1928 in Osseo, WI, the daughter of Jordan and Thora (Evenson) Torpen. She married Nathan L. Kelly on May 3, 1947 in Decorah, IA. He passed away in 1987. Lil attended the United Congregational Church of Christ, Brodhead. She was a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary Post #2312 and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, serving as President of both. Following her marriage, Lil worked for Industrial and Clean Towel Co., LaCrosse, WI,. In 1958, she was transferred to Beloit, WI to start a branch office with her husband Nate. In 1960, she and Nate moved to Brodhead to become nursing home managers at the Withee Nursing Home for the next 12 years. Following this, Lil worked at the Krattiger Nursing Home in Brodhead. Lil continued in the care giving profession for many, many years. She was well known in the Brodhead area for her caring heart, friendly manner, and love of others. She is survived by her children, Karen (Ronald) Foss, LaCrescent, MN, Nancy (Nelson) Shell, Brodhead; siblings, James Torpen, Eau Claire, WI, Beatrice (Arnold) Larson, Osseo, WI, Clarice Gran, Pigeon Falls, WI, Sonia Andrus, Belle Plain MN; grandchildren, Denise Foss, Madison, WI, David (Karla) Foss, Lewiston, MN, Jon Russell, Brodhead; step-grandchildren, Chris Klessinger, Juda, WI, Kim Inman, Laura Usher, Sue Rosheisen, all of Brodhead, Aarin Schnackenberg, Ridgeland, MS; 3 great-grandchildren, 13 step great-grandchildren, 4 step great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and

nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, siblings, Raymond, Donald and Ivan Torpen, Joyce Leer and Evelyn Larson. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, December 11, 2013, at the United Congregational Church of Christ, Brodhead, with Pastor Marlea Gilbert officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., Tuesday, at the D.L. NEWCOMER FUNERAL HOME, BRODHEAD, WI. ❖

Tribute Wall

PP

“ Karen and Ron, Nancy and Nelson, my prayers are with all of you. I will always remember the fun times we had together at reunions and get togethers. Lil, you were always a striking woman! I will always remember you and uncle Nate.

Pat Pretzer - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

SK

“ Nancy, Karen and families....please know that we are so saddened by the sudden loss of Aunt Lil. She was a beautiful loving woman...my lifelong memories of her are all of a caring, smiling,happy beautiful woman. She was truly a pillar of strength and devotion!! Hugs to all of you at this time of your grief.

Sandra Kelly-Burghaus - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

GK

“ Our hearts go out to all of the family I guess we know there is now another Angel she will be shining very bright so look for her at night. Our prayers are sent your way.

Geoffrey & Debra Kelly - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

KI

“ Lil was truly a beautiful lady in all aspects! We will all miss her dearly.

Kimberly Inman - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

JM

“ Nancy and Nelson,
My deepest sympathy for the loss of your mother. She and your dad were always so welcoming when we "kids" used to come over during high school days. She was a beautiful lady, inside and out! I know you will miss her deeply, but may your many wonderful memories help you through the hard times.

Joan McIntosh - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

RL

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the whole family on our loss. What a wonderful lady and was a pleasure to know and talk with. She will be greatly missed by many.

Roger & Phyllis Lentz - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

DS

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of your mother . And would like to extend our deepest sympathies to you and your family . It's always hard to loose a love one ,but espicially at this time of year. Your in our thoughts amd prayers always.

Dennis & Bonnie Solchenberger - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

JM

“ Nancy and Karen

My heart goes out to you both! I have so many great memories of your Mom. She was a truly wonderful woman who was so loved. Now Nate and Lil are together again.

Love
Janelle

Janelle McDermott - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

KW

“ My heart goes out to you all. Lil was a sweetheart,, I enjoyed the times I was able to do her hair when she would come to the shop. She will be truly missed, God has an Angel...
God Blessed You All..
Kenlyn

Kenlyn Walmer - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

RR

“ Our thoughts and prayers goes out to the family. She helped care for my grandma at the house before going into the nursing home. Mrs Kelly was a wonderful person & neighbor and will be missed.

Robin Schroeder & Robert Reichling - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

RR

“ Nancy and family, Our thoughts and prayers go out to the whole family. With deepest sympathy.

rob and ginny rowley - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

RF

“ Aunt Karen and Family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time of need. We pray the love of God enfolds you during your journey through grief.
We send you thoughts of comfort. Love Randy Jenn Brianna and Myrissa

Randy and Jenn Foss - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

BK

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to all of you during this time of loss. Lillian was such a beautiful lady. She will me sadley missed. We will keep you in our prayers and thoughts.

Bradley and Kristi Kelly - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

KU

“ Karen,
I was sorry to hear about your mother. I remember her helping us with our "togas" for the Latin Club dinner when we were in high school. I always thought she was so classy. My thoughts are with you and your family.
Karen

Karen Olson Urbonya - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

BM

“ Nancy & Karen

So sorry for your loss, your Mother was always happy and would do anything for anyone. She was a good lady.

Barbara Menehan - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

RY

“ Karen Ron and family, our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Your mom was such a nice lady. We will certainly miss seeing her around Brodhead.

Roger & Debby Yaun - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

CR

“ Karen, Nancy and families ~
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Hold on to your memories. She will be missed. They are almost all together again.

Chris & Tammie (Kelly) Rothering - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

DA

“ Dear Karen and all, I am so sorry for your loss; I did not hear about it until last evening. I remember so many times when you all lived at the Withee Nursing Home and we would come to visit and pull our usual 'stunts.' Lil was always the patient one, even tho we were kind of naughty! I always admired Lil because she always had a smile and never looked older--always stayed the same--we should all be so lucky!

Dee Ace(Shrier) - May 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM