



Yvonne Elaine Karisch Koenning

July 22, 1936 - February 1, 2013

Funeral services for Yvonne Elaine Karisch Koenning will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Winchester, Texas. Burial will follow in the St. Michael's Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be on Monday, February 4, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. A prayer service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday evening at funeral home. Yvonne Elaine Karisch Koenning was born on July 22, 1936 in Winchester, Texas to Walter & Hulda (Noack) Karisch. She was baptized on August 2, 1936 at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Winchester by Rev. Louis A. Trinklein and was confirmed on April 2, 1950 at St. Michael's Lutheran Church by Rev. G. Heinemeier. Yvonne's confirmation verse was Revelations 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." This verse was telling throughout the rest of Yvonne's life as she was such an active and vital part of her family and community. Yvonne was united in marriage to Hugo Martin Koenning on November 28, 1954 at St. Michael's Lutheran Church by Rev. Walter Stricher. She and Hugo resided in Houston for eighteen years, and then moved their young family to the Winchester Area in 1972. Prior to moving to Winchester, Yvonne worked for Texas Bolt in Houston. Later, she went to work for a C.P.A. in La Grange. Yvonne was an active member of her church, St. Michael's Lutheran of Winchester where she had served as a Sunday school teacher, a

youth counselor, sang in the choir, a member of the LWML, an active member of the Finance Board and was very involved in the preparations for St. Michael's Centennial Celebration. She was also very involved in various Winchester Community Projects such as the Braille Ministry, Forestry Service, 4-H Programs and the Winchester Volunteer Fire Department. It was also noted that Yvonne made "the best tartar sauce around." Making the tartar sauce every year was her "labor of love" for the Winchester Fireman's Annual Fish Fry. She was also involved in the Winchester Area Civic Organization. Most recently, though, her greatest accomplishments had nothing to do with her work history. She enjoyed spending time with her family. Family was not just an "idea" in Yvonne's life. She dedicated much of her life to loving, raising and caring for her precious grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Yvonne was called to her Heavenly Home on Friday, February 1, 2013 in Austin, Texas. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hugo; her son, Ray Allen Koenning; two brothers, Elton and wife Verna (nee Stueber) Karisch, and Roy M. Karisch. She leaves behind her daughter, Sherry Koenning-Cook, and husband Maurice Cook of Cedar Creek; granddaughter, Krystel and husband Bryan Burton; grandson, Kyle Koenning and Molly Peters; great-grandchildren, Caleb and Kourtney Burton and Brant Koenning. She was also blessed with step-grandchildren, Marcus Cook and wife Melissa and their son, Kolby and their daughter, Rebecka and Carl Cook and wife, Cheryl and their son, Trey. Yvonne is survived by her siblings; two sisters, Lera Ephraim and husband, James of Winchester, Marian Fritsche and husband, Melvin of Winchester; two brothers, Leslie Karisch and wife, Gladys (nee Zoch) of Northrup and Morgan Ray Karisch and wife, Delores (nee Menzel) of Jersey Village, Texas; two brothers-in-law, Milton Koenning and wife, Audrey of Winchester, Dalton Koenning and wife, Elna of Jersey Village, Texas; two sisters-in-law, Mildred Kasper and husband, Elgin and Gladys Teinert all of Winchester. She also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews from both the Karisch and Koenning families that will dearly miss Aunt Yvonne. Yvonne's legacy will be the example she set as a matriarch for her family. "Gracious",

“Patient”, “Loving” and “Kind” are just a few of the adjectives that could be used to describe the woman that was such a huge part of so many lives. The Lord gained a new angel and Heaven is blessed to welcome the woman that was “Mom”, “Grandma”, “Sister”, “Aunt”, “Granny” and “friend” to so many. The ripples that result from the pebble of her life will go on for years to come. Memorials have been requested to be given to the Winchester Volunteer Fire Department, Life Gift or the St. Michael's Lutheran Church.

Tribute Wall

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Sue Ann Stavinoha - February 05, 2013 at 08:11 PM

AR

“ *Yvonne Elaine Karisch Koenning*

Alice (Zoch) Reedy - February 05, 2013 at 09:50 AM

LC

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Lance and Kelly Cook - February 04, 2013 at 09:44 PM

EM

“ *Yvonne Elaine Karisch Koenning*

Elaine Mays - February 04, 2013 at 08:18 PM

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“ *Yvonne Elaine Karisch Koenning*

Nikki Gooch (Zoch) - February 04, 2013 at 05:34 PM

JM

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Jeanie Mundine - February 03, 2013 at 04:33 PM

JB

“ *Yvonne Elaine Karisch Koenning*

Jim & Betty Blott - February 03, 2013 at 04:12 PM

MC

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Mary Cooper - February 02, 2013 at 03:41 PM