



Esther Margaret Knecht

January 31, 1928 - November 6, 2022

Esther Margaret Knecht, 94, of Floyd, IA passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 6, 2022.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2022, from 2-5 p.m. with a 1:30 p.m. Rosary Service at Fullerton-Hage Funeral Home, 401 Blunt Street, Charles City. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. with a one-hour prior visitation on Monday, November 14, 2022, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 106 Chapel Ln, Charles City. Father Tom Heathershaw will be officiating, and burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery in Charles City.

Esther Margaret (Eischeid) Knecht was born January 31, 1928, in Whittemore, IA, to Aloysius and Josephine (Truhe) Eischeid. On February 14, 1950, Esther was united in marriage to Herbert E. Knecht in St. Cecelia's Catholic Church in Algona, IA. The couple lived in the Algona area until moving to Charles City in 1962, where they worked the family farm together.

Esther was a homemaker and took great pride in her vegetable gardens, as well as her beautiful flower beds. She was very skilled at freezing and canning the produce from her gardens along with the fruit trees on the farm that fed her family. She was an accomplished seamstress and clothing patcher. She was a very hardworking and strong woman, friend and mother.

Her most noted passion (in addition to her gardening) was her joy in making rugs on her weaving loom which was a very technical process. Esther took great pleasure in showing anyone that was interested in how to make a rug. She lives on in her greatest gifts from our Lord, her family.

She is survived by her children, Irvin Knecht, Brian Knecht, Mary (Paul) Hurley, Diane (Mike) Lavenz, David (Tami) Knecht, Daniel (Bette) Knecht, Mark (Lynn) Knecht, Steven (Julia) Knecht, Jean Oudekerk, Theresa (Ron) Stewart, Catherine (Russ) Groesbeck, Charles (Teresa) Knecht, Francis Knecht; 40 grandchildren, 55 great grandchildren and 19 great, great grandchildren, sister Irene Kramer, sisters-in-law Leola Knecht, Kim Eischeid, kinsperson Janis Bierstedt and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Herbert Knecht in 2005 and son, Dennis Knecht, in 2011 and brother, Merlin Eischeid, in 2022 and great-grandson, Jordon Nehls.

A special Thanks to St. Croix Hospice, Jeanette, Candy, Nicole, Heather, Ellen and many others that cared for our mother.

Thoughts, condolences and stories may be sent to the family at www.fullertonfh.com. Fullerton-Hage Funeral Home, 401 Blunt St, Charles City, IA 50616, 641-228-4211.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Charles City, IA 50616

Previous Events

Rosary Service

NOV **6**. 1:30 PM (CT)

Fullerton Funeral Home in Charles City
401 Blunt
Charles City, IA 50616
(641) 228-4211
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Visitation

NOV **13**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **14**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
106 Chapel Lane
Charles City, IA 50616

Tribute Wall



“ About Ester, she was a remarkable woman. So with our family and hers so many good memories to remember. But her favorite one of me was the johnny cake that she made and said it was strawberry shortcake, and being only four I told her it wasn't shortcake. Right up to the last time I saw her she laughed bringing up the story of that disappointed little boy that didn't get his real shortcake. So many good memories. With love to all. And an ache in one's heart. Rock Martin.

Sherl Rock Martin - November 13, 2023 at 07:27 PM



“ *Esther Margaret Knecht*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to all of your family. It is sad to lose a parent. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Fran Oldham and Family*

Frances Oldham - November 17, 2022 at 11:52 PM

MK

“ I got to know and respect Esther back in the days when IC had Circles. We worked together many times. She was a person who loved her church and always answered "sure, I can do that" when asked. And she did it happily for many years. I miss her hand squeeze at Sunday 8:00 Mass. She sat in her wheelchair at the end of the front pew many Sundays and we exchanged smiles and handshakes as we passed by. A wonderful talented woman who raised a wonderful talented family. Peace and sympathy to each of you.

Mary & Al Koenigsfeld

Mary & Al Koenigsfeld - November 12, 2022 at 12:13 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Esther Margaret Knecht.



November 11, 2022 at 06:11 PM

JE

“ I remember her calm demeanor when attending church at IC.
Jean Goebel Evers.

Jean Evers - November 10, 2022 at 09:53 PM

CL

“ Bob and I were so sorry to hear of your Mom's death Diane. Mom's are always our Mom and she will be missed You and your family will be our thoughts and prayers.

Carmen and Bob Lavenz - November 10, 2022 at 12:13 AM

MM

“ I helped Esther thread her rug loom a couple of times. Great memories visiting while we were threading and threading some more!!

Mary Mooberry - November 09, 2022 at 05:17 PM

CM

“ Condolences and prayers to the entire Knecht family, thinking of you during this time of loss.

Craig Murray - November 09, 2022 at 05:02 PM

MR

“ Esther was such a wonderful person and raised such a great family..so proud of all of you...we had kids some same ages as some of you. Prayers for all of you and stay strong for each other ...MaeRodamaker 🙏🙏🙏

mae rodamaker - November 08, 2022 at 09:14 PM

KU

“ An woman of strength. I remember making butter with her and putting it on freshly baked bread.



kelli ungs - November 08, 2022 at 07:08 PM

JR

Diane and Mike and family I'm so sorry for your loss

Judy Rinnels - November 11, 2022 at 10:35 PM