

Evelyn J. Richmond

(June 24, 1930 - June 4, 2014)

Evelyn June Richmond, nee Krohn, 83, long time McKinley Township dairy farmer, died rather suddenly at home early Wednesday morning, June 4.



Evelyn was born June 24, 1930 in Troy, the daughter of the late Carl R. and Rose M. (Stein) Krohn Sr. She was baptized as a child of God on July 3, 1930 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Birmingham. During her early years she grew up and attended the elementary school in Troy while her dad worked at Ford Motor Company. When Evelyn was 10 years old her family moved to Elkton where her mom and dad bought a farm and started the Elkton Nursery. As a child she learned how to work hard helping with the family business hoeing, weeding and watering. On June 4, 1944, she was confirmed in her Christian faith at Trinity Lutheran Church, Elkton. She finished school in Elkton, and was part of the class of 1948.

On February 14, 1948, she was united in marriage to the John C. Richmond Sr. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Elkton. For years Evelyn and John managed the John C. Richmond & Sons' Dairy Farm until John predeceased her in 2007. Since that time she has partnered with her two sons, James & Keith in operating their farms.

Evelyn was a faithful member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Berne (Pigeon). She loved her Lord and her family, making sure that all her children had an early Christian education. She thoroughly enjoyed her pastor's weekly Bible Class. Evelyn loved working with her husband on the farm, milking cows, tending her garden and flowers, and cooking and baking for her family and enjoyed shopping with her daughters. She was a member of the Michigan Dairy Association and a past member of the Lucky 50 Farm Bureau Group. She lived for her loving husband of 59 years, her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and family.

Surviving are her six children, Gary (Karren) Richmond Sr. of Clarkston, Sharon (Terry) Henne of Richville, John (Ellie) Richmond Jr. of Filion, Karen (Glenn) Phillips of Kinde, James (Sandy) Richmond, Sr. of Bay Port, and Keith (Nichole) Richmond of Pigeon; 33 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Carl (Evelyn) Krohn of Owendale, Bob (Carolyn) Krohn of Elkton, Jerry (Sandy) Krohn of Essexville; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Preceding her in death was grandson, Jay Richmond.

Funeral services will be conducted 1:00 PM. Sunday, June 8, at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Berne. Rev. James Gorsenger, pastor, will officiate with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 7 at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton and from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. at the church. Memorial gifts may be directed to St. John Lutheran Church or School.