



Lila Louise Bulygo

July 24, 1937 - May 4, 2020

Lila Louise Bulygo (Van Steenberg) of Bloomington MN passed away on May 4th, 2020.

Lila was born July 24, 1937 in Jasper MN, then moved to the family farm in South Dakota in 1939 where she attended grade school and then high school in Gary, SD. She was a wonderful Mother to her three children, Sheila Hendel, Greg Bulygo and James Bulygo. She loved her grandchildren, Laura, Steve, Sarah and Katherine. She is survived by Sisters and a brother as well. She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters and a brother and her dear longtime companion, Glenn Nelson.

Lila held positions with Carson Pirie Scott, Pako, and Hansen, Jergenson, Nygaard CPA firm. She loved ballroom dancing and helped teach dance lessons along with square dancing. She was a competitive bridge player and played often at Creekside Community Center. She golfed and always planted some flowers and veggies in her garden. Lila will be missed immensely by her dear friends and her family. Due to the Covid situation, no funeral plans have been made for now.

Tribute Wall

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“ It has been 5 long years since my Mom's little "light" was blown out. On April 29, 2020 her life was taken from us. The paramedics, (Bless their hearts) did everything possible that they could to revive her. She was taken to the hospital and put on life support. She never came back to us and 5 days later we had to say goodbye. I am reminded what a wonderful, loving, sensible person she was just about every day. When I see and speak with our children, our grandchildren and when I have the absolute pleasure seeing and speaking with her Sisters and Brother on the phone. My Aunts and Uncle all have some little "thing" about them that reminds me of my Mom. I love that, and it helps to keep her memory going and also keeps her by my side. Mom, you will not be forgotten any time in our future, and I know we all love and miss you greatly. Sheila

Sheila H - April 29, 2025 at 10:33 AM

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“ Thank you all for visiting this site and leaving such great memories of my Mom for all of us to read. It's so touching to see what people who knew her have to say! Even now, I might get a card in the mail from a past acquaintance of hers who just found out she's gone. I still miss her soooo very much. On February 20th it will be one year, the last day I actually saw my Mom. It was Steve's 30th Birthday and we all had such a great time celebrating at his home :) She gave everyone there such a thrill (the old grandma who would never play a game like this)... playing the game "cards against humanity"??!!! and laughed more than I had seen her laugh in a long time. I wasn't able to see her after that day because of Covid. She pretty much went into a lock-down mode and although we spoke every day on the phone, we didn't see each other as she was being extra extra careful.

I am still on the path to recovery from the circumstances of her passing. If I ever will recover..... We were not able to have a proper funeral for my Mom because of Covid, etc.. We decided to honor her wishes and spread her ashes along the shore of the lake/farm she grew up on in South Dakota. You may view the amazing video of some of the ceremony our Son Steven put together on You Tube. He spend a lot of time and energy creating this masterpiece and I can't thank him enough. :)

The few people who were able and kind enough to attend on Sept 19, 2020 did not contract Covid. Please go to You Tube on the largest screen you have, turn UP your volume, and search for Lila Bulygo and hit play. You will not be disappointed!! It's an 8 min tribute to my Mom so beautifully done. Again, God bless you all and thank you for your remembrance of my Mom.

Love, Sheila

Sheila - January 23, 2021 at 11:12 AM

JB

*Sheila, I still think of this situation in disbelief. I'm not really sure what brought me to this page at this late date but you truly have my sympathy. The few times I met your mom she was such a delight with a wonderful smile. Take care and God bless.... Jill Benning
1/28/21*

Jill Benning - January 28, 2021 at 11:48 PM

SH

Thank you Jill for your thoughts. We all do appreciate them. And..in my opinion, It's NEVER too late to tell someone you are sorry for the loss of a loved one!! so thank you :) My Mom was a special person to many people. For me, it's not getting better with time, not yet. But time is moving us all along and maybe time itself gets better...when the Lord is walking with you.

Sheila Hendel - February 16, 2021 at 12:11 PM

SM

“ I am not sure you are still following, but recently found out about Lila's death. To start out Sheila and I were best friends growing up! Lila used to make the best pie's and we would have some of the scrap of pie crust that she would put cinnamon & sugar on it and Sheila and I would eat it. We would sit in the garden and pick vegetables and then eat the cherry tomatoes on the back stoop of the house..Lila was a beautiful person, full of life! I do remember her playing the piano by ear, and I think that is how Sheila learned too (by ear)!

We had a neighborhood full of kids that would play, football, kickball, red light- green light on summer nights. We would have such a good time together! Lila was always willing to show you how to do things, she even taught my mother how to can pickles, and stewed tomatoes, etc. She was a lovely lady, my only regret was not seeing her and Greg, James, Sheila earlier.

As we grow older, our lives seem to take us elsewhere and we lose touch. Every so often I would think of my friend Sheila and her family and wondered how they were doing. My mother passed away a couple years ago and my dad is now in a nursing home. When I told my dad and brother of the sad news about Lila they were both saddened as we were all neighbors growing up together. Please take comfort in knowing that our hearts and prayers are with you during this sad time. Lila will be truly missed.

Sue Moline-Bogan - August 21, 2020 at 03:10 PM

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Sue, what beautiful memories you have shared. Thank you :)

Sheila - January 23, 2021 at 11:15 AM

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“ *Sue Moline-Bogan lit a candle in memory of Lila Louise Bulygo*



Sue Moline-Bogan - August 21, 2020 at 02:38 PM

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“ *Lila Bulygo was my grandma, second mom and you could say my best friend too. She was an amazing grandma/mom to all of us. She has 4 grandkids that she loved dearly. Laura, Steven, myself and Katherine, each of us having our own special relationship with her. Growing up with her so involved in all our lives was something a lot of people don't get to have. And as we all got older, we would spend as much time with her as we could as well which is all she ever wanted.*

She hated cooking but was a very good baker. She loved making apple pies, rhubarb pie, home made apple sauce and more. Always making sure we were fed until we were so full. Then asking if we wanted an ice cream cone for dessert because she loved the cone more than the ice cream!

Grandma was one of the strongest people I've known. She grew up on a farm in South Dakota, working since she was 6 years old getting paid a nickel a day! Always having a good story to everything and we loved hearing about her past. She wanted us all to experience so much and in 2016 my whole family and I had the privilege to travel to Banff Canada with her and she absolutely LOVED that! She hiked up a mountain at 80 years old and back down. We watched my brother get married and it was such an amazing experience that we can all cherish forever.

I am so grateful to have had a grandma like Grandma Lila. I'm thankful for all the amazing memories I have with her. She will be missed dearly yet cherished forever. She's my little light now, that I'm proud to have forever.

Love, Sarah

Sarah Hendel - June 03, 2020 at 11:52 AM

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“ Thank you very kindly to everyone who has shared your memories and thoughts about Lila Louis Van Steenberg (Bulygo). Our entire family is mourning the sudden loss of our Mom. She would have been surprised to see that she left a good impression on your lives. She was always thinking of how she could help someone or find a way to make things better, or trying to improve something. Our Mom had a lot of ambition and admired others who shared that same gift. She loved to, and was actually quite good at fixing things around the house by herself. She was quite active and constantly moved around and rarely sat down to watch regular television. She didn't care for most of TV programs and would rather be active doing something. But she did love a good football game, and found common ground with a lot of family members texting back and forth during games. She was very proud of her home that she lived in since 1967. She tended her garden and taught us all to grow vegetables (ugh all the canning she did with us!) and flowers too! My Mom played the piano, but was never taught a lesson in her life! Couldn't read a note on the sheet papers! She played by ear and most of the songs she played were old waltz's or songs that she liked and would do pretty good re-creating them by herself! Mom was an excellent ballroom dancer and actually taught lessons for a time! She also square danced and encouraged us to give it a try. We did and were able to go square dance together! Lila grew up in a large family of 10 siblings near Gary/Clear Lake South Dakota. She grew up on a farm next to a lake and learned how to get by in a pinch! She passed her "save this, don't throw it away" onto all of her kids and grand kids. The stories of her past are history and some of you can also relate to the difficult times had by a lot of rural families in the 40's, 50's. My Mom strove to rise to a more secure level by learning, taking on miscellaneous jobs in addition to her regular jobs, learning about computers and was soooo excited when we gave her a new cellphone that she could do all sorts of new things on! Spending the last 35+ years with Glenn Nelson gave her more ideas and ambitions! She loved helping the elderly people she met and found if she drove someone to an appointment or the store, it felt good! So she & he kept it up for many years. Mom and Glenn

spent a lot of time together with our family for most every holiday, birthday and even some vacation time going to South Dakota, Arkansas, Kansas City, Banff Canada (SHE LOVED THAT TRIP!) and were planning on heading toward Alabama this spring, but Covid came into play and we canceled. Her children will miss her very much. I (her daughter) called her every single day to check up on her, sometimes 2, 3x a day! Her grandchildren will miss her just as much as she spent a lot of good quality time with each one of them. She will be missed very, very much by all of us. Her loss was just too soon. And isn't that the way we all feel about our loved ones? We will miss them all and we thank the Lord for our good memories that keep us moving along.

Sheila Hendel - May 28, 2020 at 02:55 PM

JO

“*My name is Joni and I am Alice dulac's daughter your mom was my mom's caregiver and took her everywhere she needed to go she came in a moment's notice and took her anywhere we were very lucky to have her she is one of the nicest people you could ever want to have in your life and my mother loved her dearly she was very special to our family and we want to just tell you how much we appreciated her kindness and how sorry we are for your loss she was a treasure of a human being and will be greatly missed I wish you and your family the very best take care and God bless you all*

Joni - May 27, 2020 at 09:19 AM



“ My family lived next door to Lila for 21 years, she was a caring and generous woman. My girls Lyndsi, Taylor, Emily, and Kelly would leave May baskets on her step, and run to her door first to trick or treat and show off their costumes. Lila would accompany us to the neighborhood block party and wonder into my yard when she wanted to chat. She also did funny things like leaving plastic bags on our door knob full of vegetables from her garden, or nudging Glenn to take a ride on the riding lawn mower through our yard to give us the hint that our grass was growing too long. One of my favorite things was when she would tell my girls they were more than welcome to play in her yard, help her with gardening, or smell her flowers, gut absolutely no picking! Lila we love you, and you will be greatly missed. Laura Eastridge (Olson)

Laura Olson - May 23, 2020 at 06:53 PM



As my Mom said, Lila was my neighbor for 21 years. Over those years she became a part of my family. Watching us all grow up and be apart of our milestones. Words cannot express how much I will miss Lila. She was a pillar of love, knowledge and joy as I grew up. She taught me how to garden and admire the little things such as nature. Today we planted in your honor. I will miss you and always love you. Thank you for being our neighbor.

Lyndsi Albindia (Olson) - May 23, 2020 at 07:32 PM



“ I had just gotten the pleasure of being Lila's bridge partner a couple of times in March at Creekside Community Center before play was suspended, and I was looking forward to continuing with this arrangement when play resumed. She was an ideal partner and a fun competitor on previous occasions. She will be missed by all of us in the Creekside bridge group.

Dave Gregg

David Gregg - May 17, 2020 at 05:09 PM

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“ *Colin Flanery lit a candle in memory of Lila Louise Bulygo*



Colin Flanery - May 17, 2020 at 10:24 AM