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Hilda M. McFadden died of natural causes at the age of 96 on September 10, 2019 at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home, 2001 Kimball Avenue, Waterloo, Iowa 50702.

Hilda was born June 4, 1923 in West Coplay, Pennsylvania, to Austrian-Hungarian immigrants Johann (John) and Rosina (Rose) Frisch. Hilda's father was a Master Carpenter and built a beautiful brick house for his wife and large family.

When Hilda was a teenager, she worked in a shirt factory, a cigar factory, and then as a nanny in New York City. She met handsome Albert A. McFadden when the Army stationed him in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He was smitten with the lovely, feisty Hilda and they were married just two weeks later, on May 3, 1943. They were married for 44 years, until Albert's death in 1987. Albert built her a home at 552 W. Donald Street near his parents, Earl and Pansy.

Hilda was affectionately known as "Rusty"; a nickname Albert gave his wife for her dark auburn red hair and her quick temper. She became the matriarch of her five children, 15 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren, and five great-

great grandchildren. Each new grandchild was welcomed and loved as they brought her great enjoyment.

Everyone loved and respected Grandma for her self-sacrificing spirit, hard work, and hospitality. Her Sunday dinners were famous for the best fried chicken ever, tender roast meat, real mashed potatoes, gravy, and more! Grandma's kitchen was always "open" with babysitting services free of charge, as taking care of her family was the main priority and interest in her life.

Hilda was preceded in death by her parents; 17 siblings; her husband Albert; three beloved sons, Dennis (Cedar Falls, IA), LeRoy (Tripoli/Des Moines, IA), and Timothy (Waterloo, IA). She was also preceded by three great-grandchildren.

Hilda is survived by:

Two daughters: Linda Schuler of Waterloo, IA, and Vicki Koepke of Cedar Falls, IA.

15 grandchildren:

(Dennis' children) - Denise Bigger, Michelle Elenz, Stephanie Gage, & Albert McFadden

(LeRoy's children) - Christine DiDominicus, Steven McFadden, & Karen Bradley

(Linda's children) - Andrea Ramos, Erica Goetsch, & Matthew Schuler

(Vicki's children) - Chloe Pryce, Amanda Koepke, & Caleb Koepke

(Timothy's children) - Jody McFadden & Nicholas McFadden

In addition, 33 great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren survive her.

Hilda was a strong woman who lived a long, healthy, fulfilled life despite cancer and Alzheimer's. She will be deeply missed, but always remembered!!!

A "Celebration of Life" will be arranged in the near future to give family and friends an opportunity to share our good memories together.

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Hilda M. McFadden.*



September 23, 2019 at 10:12 AM



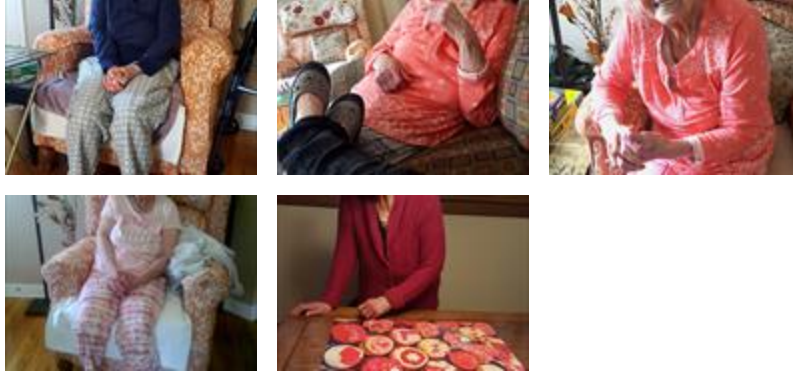
“ *I wanted to share a few of Dad/Grandpa's old photos with you all as Mom/Grandma loved him so much! We all loved him, miss him, as we already miss her.*



Vicki J Koepke - September 18, 2019 at 11:52 PM

VK

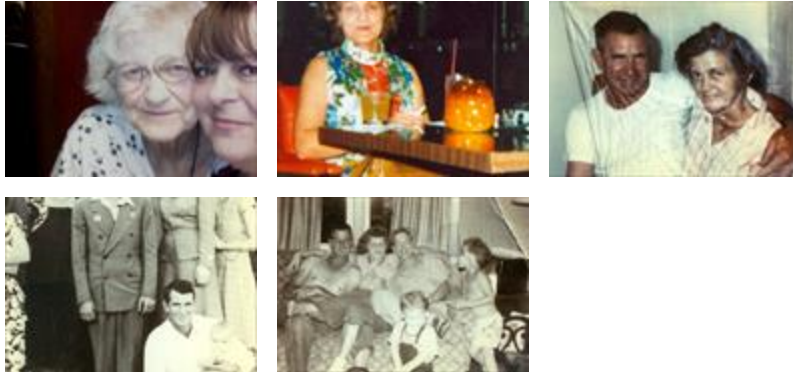
“ As we all know Mom/Grandma loved us all so very much and her family photos were her most precious (material) possession. She would love nothing else than we all be happy and healthy and enjoy life and love each other. Vicki



Vicki J Koepke - September 17, 2019 at 12:01 AM

VK

“ So many wonderful photos and memories to share! Vicki



Vicki J Koepke - September 16, 2019 at 10:41 PM

VK

“ *Sharing more of my favorite family photos...Vicki*



Vicki J Koepke - September 16, 2019 at 10:29 PM

AN

These are all so good! Looks like grandma never had a bad photo. I love the photos of Grandpa and grandma.

Andrea - September 17, 2019 at 11:43 AM

VK

Thank you Andrea, for helping me care for Grandma these past 6 years! You donated alot of your time, almost every week, to physically care for her and allow me a break from the constant caregiving. She and I love you so much for doing that!

Vicki J Koepke - September 18, 2019 at 11:21 PM

VK

“ *Sharing some of my favorite old photos of Mom/Grandma. She was so beautiful, inside and out. I will love her with my whole heart, forever! Vicki*



Vicki J Koepke - September 16, 2019 at 09:51 PM



Veronice
Garcia
Stuber

“ *Great grandma Hilda we all love you so much! You are very loved by everyone especially your huge family. I will always remember going to your house and picking the raspberries out of your garden with my siblings and doing puzzles with you and my grandma Linda and mother Andrea. I'm very blessed my children were able to meet their great great grandma Hilda. You were such a strong loving woman!*

Veronice Garcia Stuber - September 16, 2019 at 02:03 PM

AM

“ We will miss you grandma! My memories are filled with me, my siblings and the cousins running in and out of your house in summer, your garden and the awe I had for you for growing strawberries, grapes, and cherries! Dad said you made the best damn fried chicken he's ever had.

I loved hearing stories of you being a badass like the time when you still lived with your parents that you took the train with some friends to New York and you knew there would be possible danger from strange men so you put rocks in your purse to make a heavy object to do some head bashing if needed.

At my college graduation you were so proud of me even though I'd gone to a tech school instead of a big 4-yr college. You said you'd only gone through 8th grade and when I pointed out that your 8th grade education was likely more intense than most college educations of my day you laughed shyly and said "maybe".

I love you grandma. You will be missed by all.

Amanda - September 16, 2019 at 02:02 PM

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Hahahaha Grandma was funny sometimes!

Andrea - September 16, 2019 at 09:34 PM

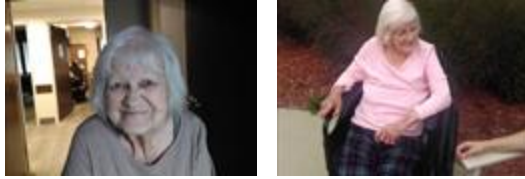
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“ *Grandma spend many days looking at pictures of her family. She loved to show them to people. Family was most important to her.*

Andrea - September 16, 2019 at 01:52 PM

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“ *Hilda (Matilda) Mary Teresa Frisch McFadden better known as Rusty. I love you and I'll always remember spending time together.. the puzzles we did and the pennies you gave with love.*

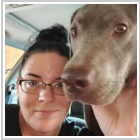


Andrea - September 16, 2019 at 12:18 PM

AN

She was a down to earth grandma but she had a good sense of humor also. I loved the apple pies she made and the gooseberry jelly. I think that's what she called it lol

Andrea - September 16, 2019 at 01:49 PM



“ *You were always so full of life, loud and boisterous. The house was always over flowing, someone was always around. You never hesitated to watch a child or many children, you never thought of yourself and gave everything you had freely to your children and grandchildren. You were an amazing woman. <3*

Chloe Pryce - September 16, 2019 at 10:37 AM



“ *Dearest Aunt Hilda, RIP. We were miles apart, but whenever you came to visit, the house was always filled with laughter, reminiscing about the good old days.*

Gerri Pani - September 14, 2019 at 02:06 PM

AR

Some of the best times of my life growing up attending those Sunday dinners!! I miss those days and miss her so much!!!!

Andrea Ramos Ramos - September 15, 2019 at 08:08 PM

ME

“ *My sweet grandmother. I remember going to her house and grandpas house to spend the night when I was little with my older sister. Grandmas cooking was always good and we enjoyed holidays with cousins and aunts and uncles. Warm and fond memories for me. RIP grandma I love you and will never forget you*



Michelle Elenz - September 14, 2019 at 11:12 AM