

*Celebrating the Life Of*

*Luella*

*Kopel*

*March 3, 1928*

*July 18, 2025*



I'm proud of them - these hands of mine;  
So **MANY** things they've done.  
They've planted flowers, and pulled the weeds,  
and worked out in the sun.  
They've kneaded bread and cooked the meals  
More times than I can say.  
They've washed a ton of clothes,  
I guess, and put them all away.  
They've *soothed*  
a small child's fevered brow & rubbed an aching head.  
And when the evening shadows fell,  
They put the brood to bed.  
They've borne the bite of winter's cold  
And felt the warmth of spring.  
And on the finger long ago was put a wedding ring.  
And when **MY JOURNEY** here is over,  
I still shall *be thankful*  
That these old work - worn hands of mine  
Have done so much for me.

***Services At:***

Assumption Catholic Church ~ Morris, Minnesota  
Thursday ~ July 24, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

***Celebrant:***

Father Todd Schneider

***Organist:***

Darlene Hennen

***Soloist:***

Carol Henderson

***Cantor:***

Holly Giese

***Pallbearers:***

Tyler Kopel, Ross Kopel, Jay Kopel  
Kirk Kopel, Corey Henderson  
Carrie Flaten, Gavin Burns

***Interment:***

St. Theresa's Cemetery  
Donnelly, Minnesota

*In lieu of individual thank you's the family will make a donation to the Stevens County 4-H, Stevens County Historical Society and Museum, and The Honor Flight*

**Luella “Lou” Laura Matejka** was born on March 3, 1928, in Moose Island near Donnelly, Minnesota the daughter of Loddie and Lena (Smith) Matejka. She grew up on a farm in the Donnelly area with her 12 siblings. She attended country school and graduated from Alberta High School, Class of 1946.

On April 10, 1947, she married Edward “Eddie” Kopel at St. Theresa’s Catholic Church in Donnelly. The couple made their home on a farm west of Donnelly where they raised their six children and Lou and Eddie worked on the farm. In September, 2024, she moved to an apartment in Morris.

Lou loved gardening and was a Master Gardner; she felt that gardening was her therapy. She also enjoyed canning, cooking, baking, sewing, quilting, fishing and hunting. As well, she was known to dance on a table or two at wedding dances.

Along with participating in 4-H with her children, Lou was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, the Red Hats, St. Theresa’s Catholic Church in Donnelly and Assumption Catholic Church in Morris.

Luella died Friday, July 18, 2025, at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, MN. She was 97 years old.

She is survived by her children: Lester (Sandy) Kopel, Ron (Sandy) Kopel, Mike (Joanie) Kopel, Pat (Chuck) Dingman and Carol (Scott) Henderson; 15 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; brothers: Wayne (Dee Dee) Matejka and Vernon Matejka and sister, Winifred Perl. She was preceded in death by her parents, Loddie and Lena; husband, Edward; son, Charles; and siblings: Roy, Clarence, Bernice, Jeanette, Bonnie, Betty, Glenn, Lillian and Evelyn.



Please use this QR Code to access  
Lou's online guestbook and tribute video.

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Funeral & Cremation Service

