



Sophia Kovalichuk Heberling

June 2, 1917 - August 12, 2010

Sophia Kovalichuk Heberling, 93, went to meet her Lord on August 12, 2010. Born June 2, 1917, to Clement and Helena Kovalichuk in Ramsey, Ohio, a coal mining town, she moved to Illinois, when she was six years old, growing up with three brothers and one sister, all deceased. What defined Sophia best was her Christianity. She taught Sunday school for many years in Moline, IL, as a member of the First Evangelical Free Church and also taught at the First Baptist Church in Ft. Collins, which she joined in 1981. Sophia possessed a unique determination, zest for life, and the ability to take that "road less traveled." Returning to college at age 38, she earned her MTASCP, Medical Technology of American Society of Clinical Pathology. She held a certificate in Supervising Training and Management Development, did post graduate work in Immune Hematology and blood banking, supervising the Franciscan Medical Center Blood Bank in Moline for 20 years. A natural athlete, she became a certified swimming instructor for the American Red Cross, YWCA, and YMCA. Buying a motorboat, Sophia took her son and daughter water-skiing on the Mississippi River. She took up golfing upon retirement to join her husband, John, on the links. Sophia and John were married for 65 years. He preceded her in death in 2006. Her greatest love of sports turned out to be snow skiing, and she skied all the great slopes for decades to include, Vail, Steamboat, Crested Butte, Aspen, Big Mountain in Montana, and so many others. Sophia leaves behind her son, John David Heberling Jane of Moline, IL; daughter, Sandra Elizabeth Zwemke Doug Los Gatos, CA; four

grandchildren, Angele Price, Los Gatos, CA; Jennifer O'Hearn, Tuscola, IL; Johnna Bambrey, Bailey, CO, and Josh Heberling, Bettendorf, IA; and three great-grandchildren, Katie, Kara, and Ellis Sophia. A funeral service will be held, Monday, Aug. 16, 2:00 P.M. at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Wycliff Bible Translators, Larimer County Humane Society, or Pathways Hospice in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Ft. Collins, CO.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ I wish I had gotten to know your mother better. She was a merry person and sewed a lovely dress with a smocked bodice for my daughter Courtney who is now 25. I met Sophia at First Baptist.

Julie Cramer - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Dear family, I met Soph years ago when my sister Susan lived next door to her. I remember her being so lively and full of the vim and vigor of life! Years later she opened her home to me when I came to Ft Collins for a family wedding and made me feel so welcome. I offer my deepest condolences on your loss but know it is heaven's gain. God bless you.

Connie Edwards - August 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ My sincere condolence to all of you. May God bless you and keep you well. I share the love of skiing with Soph as well as my son Jimmy and enjoy golfing. My brother was a varsity swimmer in high school. It seems it runs in the family. Soph will be missed She was quit a woman. My thoughts, love and prays are with you and your loved ones. Sorry I will not be able to be at the services. God bless, Beverly Austin Mary Kovalichuk Campbell?s daughter

Beverly Austin - August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Sandra, Doug and Angele, though there are no words however heartfelt that can ease your sorrow, may it help to know that those who care for you hold you close in thought. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Love Tracy Darcy Beverly Austin's daughter.

Tracy Darcy - August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ John, Jane, Johnna and family. Please know that I am thinking of you during this time. As I read about your mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother...she must have been a wonderful person that will be missed deeply. May she now rest in peace in the house of our Lord. Blessings and love, Denise

Denise Reeves - August 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ To The Family of Aunt Sophia ... Our sincere and deepest condolences go out to all the family members on your loss of a wonderful and caring person. We will miss her yearly Christmas cards with family updates. With Love, Pat and JR Campbell

James R. Campbell, Jr. - August 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ John, Sandy and family: I'm still in the Northwest-just got word about Soph. Sending my love and sympathy. Love Sally and family

Sally Sobieszcyk - August 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *Soph was the best neighbor that a family could ask for. She regularly baked us amazing dinners including fried chicken with homemade noodles, chicken vegetable soup and chicken and dumplings. She'd: catch our 80- and 100-pound Rottweilers when they'd get out, feed our cat, keep us apprised of the what was going on in the neighborhood and she kept me in style by giving me her fancy skirts, sequined jeans, & beaded Italian pumps! We love and admire you Soph and we miss you already!*

Danna, Tim, Anthony and Zach Ortiz - August 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Sandy, We are so sorry about the loss of your wonderful mother. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Hugs, Sarah and Chris*

Sarah and Chris Beauchamp - August 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM