



## Lillian Bentz

February 24, 1921 - March 26, 2013

BENTZ, LILLIAN LINAE (GABRIELSON) Age 92, of Algodones, NM, passed away Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at the home she shared with her son and daughter-in-law. Lillian was born Feb. 24, 1921 and raised in Gladstone, MI. She was one of 17 children born to Swedish immigrants, Erick and Lena (Malmberg) Gabrielson. She subsequently met her husband; Arnold E. Bentz at a USO dance in Waukegan, Il, and they married at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Providence, RI, on January 11, 1944. Lillian (with two sons in tow) traveled by train from Washington DC to Albuquerque, NM in 1949 about 6 months after her husband moved here for a job at Sandia National Lab. Upon arrival here she noted how desolate Albuquerque appeared back then. Albuquerque did not exist northward much past Central Avenue. She and her husband, Arnold developed a strong interest in the outdoors and fishing, activities they shared with their two boys. Over a period of sixty years, the family worshipped at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Faith Lutheran and then All Saints Lutheran on the west side. After children, Lillian and Arnold became absorbed in arts and crafts, everything from pottery, to jewelry, mosaics and painting. Lillian is survived by her son Melvin and daughter-in-law Rhonda; daughter-in-law Cathy Bentz; five grandchildren Jeremiah, Matthew, Christopher Board and Marisa of Albuquerque, Gabriel of Selma, CA; and great grandchildren Katherine Lucero and Matthew Board of Albuquerque; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins in Michigan. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold E. Bentz; and son Arnold F. Bentz; her

parents; seven brothers, Alvin, Oliver "Pee Wee", Clarence "Kella", Bill, Floyd, George and Melvin; and six sisters, Alva, Mildfred, Cecelia, Eleanore, Dorothy and Eilleen. A small memorial service for Lillian will be held at All Saints Lutheran Church on Thursday, April 4th at 10:00 AM. Please visit our online guestbook for Lillian at [www.FrenchFunerals.com](http://www.FrenchFunerals.com) FRENCH – Rio Rancho 1950 Pine Rd NE Rio Rancho, NM 87144 (505) 338-2000

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are very sorry to hear about Aunt Lillian. Our hearts and prayers go out to you.

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**Carole Gabrielson and Bob and Lauri DeCamp** - April 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ My prayers are with your family at this time. it is hard to believe my dad (Melvin) has been gone almost 3 years. I have a beautiful teapot that Aunt Lillian sent me as a wedding gift that I love to use.Blessings to your family.Julie & Todd Voss(Melvins daughter)

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**Julie Gabrielson Voss** - April 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies we express our deepest condolences.

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**Kristian Schmidt** - March 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM