



Marguerite "Rita" Knights

May 14, 1922 - July 15, 2021

Marguerite "Rita" Knights, age 99, of Storm Lake, Iowa died July 14, 2021, at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Funeral Services will be Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake, Iowa. Burial will be at the Cedar Cemetery in Fonda, Iowa. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on July 17, 2021. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of arrangements.

Marguerite Clymer, the daughter of Roy and Josephine (Ellis) Clymer, was born in Jolley, Iowa on May 14, 1922. She attended school in Rockwell City, IA. Rita was united in marriage to Roger "Buck" Calvin Knights on October 7, 1939 in Lytton, Iowa. On April 20, 1940 they welcomed their son, Dale, into their family.

Buck and Rita spent their early years of marriage in Fonda, Iowa where Buck worked trucking for the lumber yard and Rita babysat for another family. They later moved to Storm Lake and Buck worked for the meat packing plant and Rita continued working for the same family. Rita was a faithful member of the United Church of Christ in Storm Lake. She was active in her community and assisting with the Storm Lake Senior Citizens and visiting local nursing homes. Rita always looked for a way to be serving others either by offering

transportation or home care for the elderly. Buck and Rita's grandchildren spent many enjoyable summer days at their grandparents. Rita enjoyed looking for bargains at garage sales and often had her grandchildren in tow. Her service to others continued with her work at Buena Vista Community Hospital in the housekeeping department. She enjoyed camping and vacationing with her sister and best friend Ruth, and Ruth's husband Marion. Ruth and Rita never missed an opportunity to share a meal (literally). The last years of Rita's life were spent at Methodist Manor where she appreciated all the care she received and friends she made.

Rita spent her entire life serving and caring for others. Always putting them first. She taught by example. Through that, we learned how to work hard, love and care for our family, friends and even strangers, and to be resilient and thrifty. Patti Lange, her beloved niece, always felt we had an angel in our midst with Rita around.

Rita will be dearly missed by her family which include her son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Karen Knights; four grandchildren: Jeff (Amy) Knights of Craig, Colorado; Brent (Jana) Knights of Melrose, Wisconsin; Jill (Joe) Wanninger of Panora, Iowa; Brian (Lori) of Polk City, Iowa; great-grandchildren: Elizabeth (Adam) Tucker; Nate (Ashley) Knights; Meghan (Derek) Oppelt; Luke (Jenna) Wanninger; Brooke (Devin) Smith; Bailey, Lauren, Logan Knights; 10 great-great grandchildren; niece, Patti Lange and her family; sister-in-law, Jan Clymer of Estherville, IA.

Rita is preceded in death by her parents: Roy and Josephine Clymer; her husband: Roger Knights; brothers: Bill, Ralph, LeRoy, Cecil, Sam, and Leland; sisters: Ruth and Helen; great-grandson, Jesse Knights.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Cemetery -- Fonda

513 E 2nd St
Fonda, IA 50540

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 9:00 AM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
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Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marguerite "Rita" Knights*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - July 16, 2021 at 10:28 AM

RH

“ *Roberta Harris lit a candle in memory of Marguerite "Rita" Knights*



Roberta Harris - July 22, 2021 at 05:00 PM

RH

Dale My brother Bob Harris asked me to light a candle in remembrance of your mother and to let you know he is thinking of you and your family.

Roberta Harris - July 22, 2021 at 09:05 PM



“ *Judy Anderson lit a candle in memory of Marguerite "Rita" Knights*



Judy Anderson - July 17, 2021 at 09:00 AM

AK

“ Adam And Angie Kutz lit a candle in memory of Marguerite "Rita" Knights



Adam and Angie Kutz - July 16, 2021 at 11:34 AM

FJ

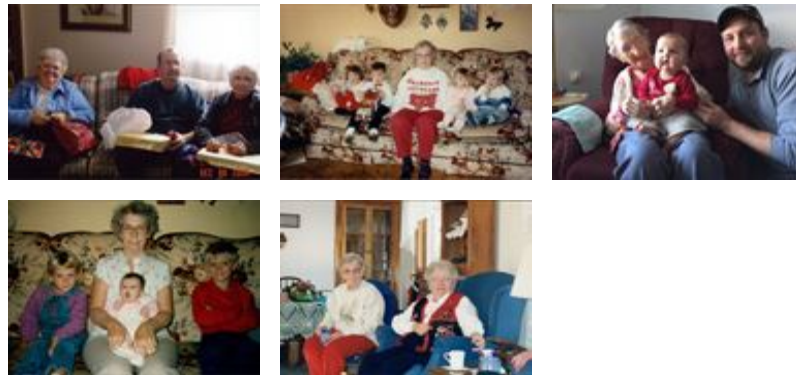
“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen - July 16, 2021 at 11:09 AM



“ 163 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - July 16, 2021 at 10:17 AM

DM

“ Our prayers are for Rita & Family I worked with Rita at BVRMC & had some good memories to have! Those were the good old days together!
Diane Meyer



Diane meyer - July 16, 2021 at 09:43 AM

MS

“ Mike And Shelly lit a candle in memory of Marguerite "Rita" Knights



Mike and Shelly - July 16, 2021 at 07:51 AM

BR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



brent - July 15, 2021 at 11:22 PM

LP

“ Larryand Jo Ann Pyle lit a candle in memory of Marguerite "Rita" Knights



Larryand Jo Ann Pyle - July 15, 2021 at 11:07 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Marguerite "Rita" Knights.*



July 15, 2021 at 10:45 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Marguerite "Rita" Knights.*



July 15, 2021 at 07:50 PM



“ *Aunt Rita was the best, loved by all. We have many fond memories of her to hold onto forever. It's comforting knowing she's home with loved ones.*

carolyn clymer eskandari - July 15, 2021 at 07:46 PM



“ *A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF RITA KNIGHT. SYMPATHY & PRAYERS TO DALE & FAMILY & ALL EXTENDED FAMILY. MAY SHE RIP.*



LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE

PATTY GUNVILLE - July 15, 2021 at 07:33 PM

DG

“ I remember Miss Rita as the queen of garage sales
At least one a month.. Never figured where you kept all in your
house..
If someone made a good offer on something in the yard not for sale
,it was sold..
what a bargain hunter she was. She won't have to sell anything in
heaven.. Just sitting by the lake fishing with Buck.. You will be
missed by all who love you..
Dean and Linda Gottsch..💕

Dean and Linda Gottsch - July 15, 2021 at 06:53 PM

DM

“ To Family Rita Knights she worked with me
BVRMC & enjoyable
to be around was lots of fun! Those were the
good old days!
Diane Meyer



Diane Meyer - July 15, 2021 at 04:33 PM