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Audrienne Alaire Swedlund, 94, of Stratford passed away on Sunday, January 10, 2021 at the Eastern Star Masonic Home in Boone. She had been a resident of Eastern Star since November of 2019.

Audrienne was born on May 7, 1926 in Dedham, Iowa, the daughter of Aubrey and Ila (Pomeroy) King. She attended the Dodge #9 country school through 8th grade before graduating from Boone High School just after turning 16 years old. After graduation, Audrienne attended Drake University in Des Moines, graduating in 1945. On April 12, 1945, Audrienne and Weldon Swedlund of Stratford eloped and were married in Mankato, MN, while Weldon was home on leave. She taught school in Ames until moving back to the farm in 1946, when Weldon returned from Japan. Audrienne was the secretary and bookkeeper for the family hog buying business in Stratford that they ran from 1959 until 1972, and continued in that role when the business moved to the Central Iowa Stockyards until the mid-1980's.

After retirement they traveled all around, including Sweden and Alaska. She was the “chief editor” for Weldon’s weekly columns for the Stratford Courier, and his book, Stories from SwedeLand. She also wrote for the Courier for many years.

Audrienne was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Calvary United Methodist Church in Stratford, American Legion Auxiliary, serving in the local, district, and state offices, including as State President from 1991 to 1992. She loved having coffee and conversations with friends, telling stories, and mailing cards to many folks for all occasions.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Weldon (Swede) Swedlund; parents Aubrey and Ila King, and her brother, Marshall King.

She is survived by her children: Alaire Willits; Neil (Linda) Swedlund; and Mark (Janice) Swedlund; her grandchildren: Kristine Bornholtz; Tim (Melanie Johnson) Bornholtz; Stephen (Ema) Bornholtz; Alison (John) Rihard; Lindsay (Erik) Wibholm; Derek (Bethany) Swedlund; and Haley (Malte Lierl) Swedlund; and her great-grandchildren: Christopher, Nicholas, and Stephanie Bornholtz; Julie Bornholtz; Kobe, Kale, and Kendall Rihard; Kayley, Jayden, and Emery Wibholm; Leyton, Brynn, and Grayson Swedlund; and Dominic Swedlund Lierl, and brother-in-law Dean (Harriet) Swedlund, sister-in-law Jean King, and many extended family and friends.

A private family service will be held with burial at Oakwood Cemetery in Stratford. A community celebration will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed towards the American Legion of Iowa, and can be designated to the Past Presidents Scholarship, or the Legion Foundation, and can be sent to the American Legion of Iowa, 720 Lyon Street, Des Moines, IA 50309.

Memorials may also be directed towards the family to use at their discretion, and can be sent to them at 3648 Stagecoach Rd, Stratford, IA 50249, or to Schroeder-Stark-Welin Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be left at www.schroederfuneral.com

Schroeder-Stark-Welin Funeral Home
515-432-4550

Cemetery

Oakwood Cemetery

Stratford, IA,

Comments



“ Throughout high school, I'd see Audrienne in church and at church suppers, but then, I rarely saw her for 40 or more years, till I found myself sitting next to her at Maxine Silvey's funeral, and she said, 'You just have to be a Fisher!' I was amazed she'd remember me, and we had a wonderful conversation, as she updated me on her sons and daughters, all of whom I liked and admired. Audrienne was always warm and generous and kind -- a terrific lady who'll be greatly missed by all of us who remember her so fondly. Denise (Fisher) Beckfield

Denise Beckfield - January 19 at 07:56 AM



“ My sympathy to the family of Audrienne. She was such a sweet, caring person. My prayers are with you all.

Renee Mueggenberg - January 14 at 07:09 PM



“ She was a longtime friend of Garnet and Betty Silvey, our aunt and uncle. We hope they are enjoying a reunion above. My sister Bonnie and I visited with her when we visited Eastern Star. We loved hearing her life stories and reading the articles she wrote for the Stratford Courier. She was a great lady. May her memory be a blessing to all who knew her. Linda Thompson Carlson.

Linda Carlson - January 13 at 01:52 PM



“ Mark and Janis,
I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and the rest of the family.

Carrie Self - January 13 at 09:01 AM



“ We are very sorry to hear of the death of Adrienne. We both enjoyed her very much every time we visited with her. She had a wonderful sparkling smile and always something clever or interesting to say. May she rest in peace.

Chuck and Liz Becker - January 12 at 04:12 PM



“ Audrienne was a kind and gentle soul who kept me from my worst self during a trying time with the Auxiliary. I followed her into the Department President position and she was a great mentor to me. Her positive attitude and smiling face will be much missed. Love you,Audrienne. Go with God.

Tooter Baker - January 12 at 03:02 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



mark swedlund - January 12 at 12:58 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



son Mark - January 12 at 12:36 PM



“ Diana Shadduck lit a candle in memory of Audrienne Swedlund



Diana Shadduck - January 12 at 12:27 PM



“ Great memories through American Legion Auxiliary. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Lexie (Ahrens) Allen - January 12 at 07:05 AM



“ Audrienne was my first cousin who I haven't seen since our last family reunion in Boone Park, but we shared alot of family history and memories with her family, she always had interesting muses that I copied and kept. I will miss her but she is truly Home now with her Father in Heaven.
Mary Jane Culbertson (Joe's daughter)

Mary Jane Culbertson - January 12 at 12:08 AM



“ Prayers to the Swedlund family. Jay and Muriel Steffen

Muriel Steffen - January 11 at 09:14 PM



“ Alaire,
How wonderful that you were able to be closer to your mom these past years. She lived a long life, but you will miss her! Sending love and prayers....
Anne Cleghorn

Anne Cleghorn - January 11 at 08:50 PM



“ Prayers for comfort and peace for all of you. Your mom, grandma, great grandma was an inspiration. I was so glad I got to know her while I was at Stratford. She had and still has a special place in my heart.

Pastor Dot - January 11 at 08:18 PM



“ She was a classy person. She was total Auxiliary and taught many members the right way to be a leader. I will miss her very much as well as all the Iowa American Legion Auxiliary. May her light continue in her family.

Linda Sue Mullen - January 13 at 05:35 PM



“ My deepest sympathy for a lovely lady and wonderful friend to all of her family. She is missed. Our memories of her will never be forgotten.

Lillian McGivern - January 14 at 09:39 AM