



Gretchen Marie Grabau

January 21, 1926 - December 11, 2013

Gretchen Marie Grabau, age 87, of Boone, passed away Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at Westhaven Community in Boone.

Following cremation, Memorial Services will be held for Chris Jr. and Gretchen Grabau at 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at the First United Methodist Church located at 703 Arden Street in Boone, Iowa, with Rev. Tim Walter officiating.

Burial will be at Linwood Park Cemetery in Boone in early spring 2014.

Gretchen was born January 21, 1926 in Boone, Iowa, the daughter of Daniel Thomas and Anthia (Lewis) Price.

She graduated from Boone High School. Following high school, Gretchen continued her education at Kirkwood Community College and University of Iowa, receiving her degree in Dentistry.

On June 9, 1944, Gretchen married Chris Grabau Jr. in the Grace United Methodist Chapel in Des Moines, Iowa.

Gretchen was a certified and registered Dental Assistant and certified practice manager. She worked with the late H.J. Spies DDS and Elon G. Tucker DDS. She then worked for D.W. Tucker DDS in Boone.

Gretchen was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Boone. She was a republican activist serving the state, local and district in Iowa. Gretchen was active in her professional organizations, the American Dental Assistants Association and Iowa Dental Assistants Association. She was a Boone County United Way Board of Director and also served as a 4-H Leader.

Gretchen is preceded in death by her parents; her two sisters, Maye Lorraine Irwin and Margaret Ann VonKrog and her husband Chris Grabau Jr. on Monday, December 9, 2013. (See the complete obituary for Chris on the website at www.walter-schroederfuneralhome.com)

Gretchen is survived by her daughter, Maureen K. Lightfoot (Tom) of Las Cruces, New Mexico; her daughter, Kathleen M. Grabau (Jerry) of Ankeny, Iowa; her three grandchildren, Calvin Grabau-Keele (Paige); Jeff Lightfoot (Jenn) and Shawn Lightfoot; her two great grandchildren, Olivia Lightfoot and Willow Grabau-Keele.

In memory of Gretchen, memorials may be directed to her family.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.walter-schroederfuneralhome.com

Walter ~ Schroeder Funeral Home at Fifth & Story Streets in Boone is in charge of arrangements.

Comments



“ It was very sad to hear of the passing of Gretchen and Chris. My Mom, Mae Lantz McVay, was a first cousin to Gretchen on the Lewis side. I spoke with Gretchen again about family history just a few weeks ago. Sorry I can't be at the service, but you have my deepest sympathy. Sandra Malone

Sandra Malone - January 14, 2014 at 11:02 AM



“ You have our sincere sympathy on the loss of your parents. Chris and Gretchen were dear friends. Gretchen was the first to reach out to me as a young dental assistant and take me under her wing to show me the ropes. She and I shared many many happy years serving together for the IDAA and the ADAA. There was never a more dedicated servant to her profession and it was an honor to have known her.

Kathleen Jespersen - January 06, 2014 at 11:07 PM



“ The Grabau Family, please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of Gretchen and Chris. I remember your mom well and will always cherish the days she and served on the ADAA Board.
"Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those the love."

Diane Grondin - January 06, 2014 at 09:57 AM



“ Always a nice lady. She will be missed.

Dawn Irwin CDA, RDA - January 03, 2014 at 03:28 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. The Bible holds out a beautiful promise that "God will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more. Neither will mourning, nor outcry, nor pain be any more. The former things have passed away". (Revelation 21:4) May your dear family be comforted and draw strength from meditating on God's promise to restore our loved ones to us.

L. Alston - December 18, 2013 at 02:24 PM



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Teri Freeman - December 14, 2013 at 04:53 PM



“ kathy, i am so sad to hear that your parents have died, but i find it rather peaceful that they left within two days of each other. i can still see your mother and dad up in the balcony of the old gym of BHS during our toreadorette basketball games. i always liked them so much. my parents spoke so highly of gretchen and chris. when my dad died in june of 2011, your dad came to the methodist church for dad's service. he didn't think i remembered him, but how could i ever forget? your folks were such special people, as you know. just know that i am thinking of you.

davi mondt lowman - December 14, 2013 at 12:18 AM