



Hazle Erickson

October 25, 1915 - January 26, 2009

Hazle Erickson, "Mrs. E", 93, a resident of Hearth Stone Memory Care at the Eastern Star Masonic Home in Boone, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Friday morning, January 23, 2009. Hazle had been a resident at the Home since December of 2004. She was born on October 25, 1915 in Kewanee, Illinois the daughter of Louis and Adele Siegmann. On December 30, 1938, she married Ralph L. Erickson at the Evangelical Covenant Tabernacle in Kewanee, Illinois. Hazle graduated from Kewanee High School. Before her marriage, she was employed at Kewanee Boiler. The couple lived in several locations where her husband pastored numerous churches including Cuyler Covenant in Chicago, Illinois, First Covenant in South Bend, Indiana, First Covenant in Tacoma, Washington, First Covenant in Des Moines, Iowa for 21 years, First Covenant in Wichita, Kansas, and Faith Evangelical Free Church in Tacoma, Washington before moving to Boone 20 years ago where the couple made their home. For 59 years, Hazle was the perfect pastor's wife. During her time in Des Moines, she helped found the J. Thompson Group Home and served on the Board of Directors for many years. She was preceded in death by her birth and adoptive parents, husband in 1998, 1 daughter Ruth Roseanne Erickson, 2 sisters and 1 brother. Survivors include 3 daughters; Margaret Sundberg of Des Moines, Dorothy Gustafson and husband Jon of Boone, Deb Bishop and husband Ray of Boone; 6 grandchildren Kirsten Wynia of Stillwater, Minnesota, Keli Gustafson of Wichita, Kansas, Kent Sundberg of Kearney, Nebraska, Keri Tuner of Nashville, Tennessee, Kory Gustafson of Ankeny, Katie Bishop of Boone, Iowa; and 11 great-grandchildren. Services will be held on Monday afternoon, January 26th at 1:30 p.m. at the Stark-Welin Chapel in Boone with Kent Sundberg officiating. Interment will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Princeton, Illinois. Friends may call at the Stark-Welin Chapel in Boone, on Sunday afternoon from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. with the family present to greet friends. Visitations will continue on Monday from 8:00 A.M. until the time of service. Those wishing to express their sympathies through a memorial may direct their memorial gift to the Valley View Village, 2571 Guthrie Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50317, which was started by her husband, Pastor Ralph Erickson.

Comments



“ Dear Margaret, Dorothy and Debbie and all your family, There must have been a great celebration in Heaven when your Mom arrived. I know your Dad must have met her with open arms and singing. Our family have many fond memories of your Mom with her sweet smile and gentle spirit. She was the true essence of what a Christian wife and mother is all about. Her home was always open to friends and those in need. We miss both your parents very much. May God bless and comfort each of you. Love from the Beverly and Harold Harker family

Beverly Harker - January 27, 2009 at 09:08 AM



“ Dear Margaret, Dorothy, and Debbie,

Mrs. E. was an amazing woman. She has always been an example to me of what it means to serve the Lord in the ministry as a pastor's wife. She worked faithfully alongside your dad at the Evangelical Covenant in Des Moines and was an excellent Bible teacher. I had her in 6th grade as our girls Sunday school teacher and she sweetly answered our many questions with love and grace.

May the Lord bless you all as you come together to celebrate the life of Mrs. E, a dear saint, who will be missed by all. I thank God for her life which deeply touched mine and I look forward to seeing her again in heaven someday.

Much love to all and you will be in my prayers in the days ahead,
Lori Sherman Splett

Lori Sherman Splett - January 25, 2009 at 02:09 PM



“ Hi Margaret, Dorothy and Debbie. I'm really sorry to read about Hazle, (I always thought it was Hazel). I have so many memories of you and your family from Dad accidently taking paint chips from your house which ended with our house the same color as yours, to going to Church to listen to your Dad. I even remember Ruthy, bless her heart! My memories of Hazle is one of kindness, love, helpfulness, gentleness, a good Mom and neighbor. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow. She is in a better place now.

Pegi Davis-Donovan - January 25, 2009 at 10:31 AM



“ Dorothy,

Your parents were an important part of my life. I am sorry to hear of your Mom's passing, but know that she is happy in the arms of the Lord along side your father.

With my deepest sympathy and love.

~Donna

Donna Davis-Haddon - January 25, 2009 at 09:58 AM