



Lillie Swain

June 28, 1913 - October 4, 2013

Lillie Swain, 100, formerly of 221 Harrison Street in Boone, passed away at the Eastern Star Masonic Home in Boone on Sunday morning, September 29, 2013 where she had resided since April of 2008. She was born on June 28, 1913, in Council Bluffs, Iowa the daughter of James and Mae (Martin) Mikesell. Her family later moved to Boone, and graduated from Boone High School in 1932. Lillie married Elwin Swain on Christmas Day, 1936 in Boone, and to this union six children were born. She was a life member of PTA, was a founding member of the Boone Pioneer Citizens Center, volunteered at the Boone County Hospital, a long-time member of the Ladies Society of Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen Headlight Lodge No. 16 in Boone, and a member of the First Baptist Church. She loved her Church and taught Sunday School and served in many capacities on various committees throughout the years. She and Elwin worked with the First Baptist Youth Fellowship for many years. Lillie and Elwin spent many hours fishing, taking their grandchildren with them on many Saturdays. She enjoyed gardening and doing needlework. After she moved to the Eastern Star Masonic Home, she read 4 to 5 books each week, and when her eyesight failed, she listened to books on tape. But what Lillie enjoyed most were the big family dinners on Holidays and birthdays. She was especially happy that she got to see all six of her children and their families together at her 100th birthday party this past June. Her parents; husband of 54 years, Elwin, in November of 1990; 2 brothers Glen and Jimmy Mikesell; sister and brother-in-law Helen and John Gardner; and 2 grandchildren, Claire and Nathan Hockerman preceded her in death. Lillie is survived by her children Lyla Maynard and husband Tom of Johnston, Iowa, Carol Lamb of Ames, Iowa, Linda Berg of Johnston, Iowa and her fiancé John Hinz, Helen Nelson of Papillion, Nebraska, Ed Swain and wife Jan of Audubon, Iowa and Howard Swain and wife Diane of Vallejo, California; and her former son-in-law Duane Lamb and wife Cheryl of Boone, Iowa. She was especially proud of her 19 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Evelyn Mikesell of Boone, Iowa, numerous nieces and nephews and many, many friends she made throughout her life. Lillie was a wonderful person who lived a full life. She will be greatly missed. Services will be held on Friday morning, October 4th at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Boone with Rev. Jerry Bertelson officiating. Interment will be in the

Boone Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Boone. Friends may call at the Stark-Welin Chapel in Boone on Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with the family present during that time to greet friends. Visitation will continue prior to the service on Friday morning at the Church from 8:30 a.m. until the time of service. In memory of Lillie, memorials may be made to “Lillie Swain Memorial – First Baptist Church or Eastern Star Masonic Home” in Boone.

Comments



“ I met Lillie when I was 6 years old. She was my grandma's roommate in the hospital when my grandmother had a stroke. She was so kind to me and when began writing one another. For the past 20 years I could always count on receiving a birthday card and Christmas letter. She recently wrote me telling me about her 100th birthday party and how proud she was to be a grandmother and great-grandmother. I've always called her grandma Lillie-- even though she wasn't my real grandmother. I happened to write my return address on a card I recently sent (I usually don't) and received it back notifying my that she was deceased. It's never easy to learn that someone you love has passed but it was particularly hard to find out this way. I didn't know any of her family- but my thoughts are with you. She was such a neat lady and there is no doubt in my mind that she lived a fulfilling life. You can never guess how particular people will come into your life and the impact they will have. Grandma Lillie will always have a special place in my heart.

DeEtta Bohling - August 06, 2014 at 09:23 AM



“ To the family, I express sincere condolences to you at this time of distress. The Bible gives us a hope and comfort of a better future. Revelation 21:4 says; "And he(Almighty 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."

V.G. - October 15, 2013 at 04:06 PM



“ Thinking of you in the loss of Lillie.
All THINGS BEAUTIFUL LAST FOREVER, KEPT WITHIN SWEET MEMORY. As a neighbor of many years on Tama St., your family was a great example of a 'good neighbor'! In particular, of the many times Lillie took me to church and also, how she always complimented me on my singing even within these past few months of speaking with her. Wow, how great was that!

MY POEM FOR LILLIE

Charmed with a happy and radiant life;
always smiling about her aged days past,
she expressed her benevolent
and contented life's song
with such great distinction that her
resplendant countenance thronged.

As time brought near
her last journey here--
never knowing that convincing moment--
somehow, though,
her inner strength glowed
since angels gave her that bestowment.

Now 'tis time for those who pine
who were drawn to her magnetic light
to come smell the bowers
of fragrant flowers
as she is given up to God tonight.

Randy Davis

Randy Davis - October 03, 2013 at 09:07 PM



“ So sorry to read of your Mom's passing; what a lovely lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Kerin Knight - October 01, 2013 at 02:23 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Grandma Swain (how I always remembered her from being with Amy). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. BIG HUGS!

Pam Gridley - October 01, 2013 at 12:46 PM



“ We wanted to express our sympathy at the passing of Lilie. She was truly a special lady to many people and shall be missed but memories of her shall always be with us. Our first Christmas card came from her and she sent us birthday and anniversary cards. She lived a good Christian life and loved the Lord. May you all feel Him holding you close now and always.

Gary & Karen McCool - October 01, 2013 at 12:43 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very sad time.

Ray and Joyce Gragg - September 30, 2013 at 06:19 PM