



Marie Crandell

July 20, 1920 - August 12, 2014

A hand-stitched message hangs on her wall at home. It reads, "He who laughs, lasts!". That message describes exactly how she lived her life. Marie Elzada Seymour Crandell of Ames, Iowa formerly of Boone, Iowa passed away Friday morning at the Story County Medical Center in Nevada, Iowa at the age of 94. Marie was born on July 20, 1920 in Fraser, Iowa the daughter of William and Ada (Isaacson) Seymour. She attended grade school in Fraser and graduated from Boone High School in 1938. Marie then entered nursing school at Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, graduating in 1942. Earlier that same year, she had joined the Red Cross Student Reserve, knowing that when she graduated, she'd be prepared to join the Army. Marie became a U.S. Army nurse, serving 16 months in England during WWII. After her discharge from the Army, as a 1st Lieutenant in December, 1945, she worked at the Greene County Hospital in Jefferson, Iowa and then the Boone County Hospital in Boone. On June 30, 1946, Marie married one of her former army patients, Hubert Crandell. They lived in Jefferson, Iowa for several years, then moved back to Fraser with their three young sons. Marie worked in Boone as a nurse, for both Dr. Putenney and Dr. Neil Johnson and worked for many years in Dr. John Wall's office, until finally retiring from nursing. During that time period, the family had moved from Fraser to Boone to be closer to their work. She and her husband, Hubert, moved to Ames in 1996. Marie was preceded in death by her husband Hubert in January of 2013; her parents, Willie and Ada Seymour; and her brother, William Seymour. Surviving family are her three sons, David Crandell and wife Jolene of Morton, Illinois, Steven Crandell and wife Cheryl of Ames, Iowa and Blaine Crandell and wife Diane of Garfield, Arkansas; three grandchildren Richard Crandell and wife Judy of Holly Springs, North Carolina, Courtney Percival and husband Ben of Ankeny, Iowa and Tyler Crandell of Ames, Iowa. Following Marie's wishes, she has been cremated. Friends may call at the Stark-Welin Chapel in Boone on Monday evening, August 11th from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. with the family present during that time to greet friends. The Iowa Health Nursing Honor Guard will participate in "A Final Call To Duty" at approximately 6:45 pm. Graveside services with interment to follow will be Tuesday afternoon, August 12th at 12:30 p.m. at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery, west of Des Moines, near Van Meter, Iowa with military honors and presentation of the flag conducted by the U.S. Army Military Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Story County Freedom Flight, P.O. Box 83, Nevada, Iowa 50201.

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ I was very saddened to hear of Marie's passing. She was a Grand Lady and will be dearly missed. I recall so many times coming into my Dad's office she was always chipper and happy. She made the office a pleasant and safe place for me. She and Dad would often tease each other about who could give the best shots. At one time when I was about 12 or so I contacted a very bad case of poison ivy. Part of the treatment was weekly shots that eventually tapered off to monthly, annually etc. I had the direct opportunity to compare and contrast their technique. They were both very good, but Maries' shots were always filled with compassion (Dad's were mostly filled) She was a very special person in my life. I will always think of her with the greatest respect and admiration. May god Bless and Keep her close always.

-John M. Wall Jr.-

John Wall Jr. - August 16, 2014 at 05:43 PM

CP

“ I read of the passing of Marie Crandell in the paper. I remember Nurse Marie and loved to see her when I went to Dr. Wall's office. I had an illness one summer that necessitated daily Pennicillin shots (in the rear end!) for a week. I know she felt as bad giving them as I did receiving them!
I am a nurse. I also graduated from Iowa Methodist School of Nursing (in 1980). And I am so proud to have known her! She was the first nurse to impact me and my "calling" to be a nurse.

Nurse Marie, you are missed! Well done, faithful nurse!

Chris Brown Parker, RNC, BSN, and former Boone resident

Chris Parker - August 16, 2014 at 04:54 PM

LW

“ Dave, Steve and Blaine

Sorry to hear of your mom's passing. We saw her often when we went to Dr. Wall's office. She got to see our kid grow. It was always a pleasure to see her or when we would run into your dad uptown.

It was always a good time when we were kids to stop, talk and smile.

We wish you the best. Larry and Judy Walters

Larry and Judy Walters - August 13, 2014 at 10:24 PM

HI

“ So sorry to read about Marie's death. Marie and I were classmates at Iowa Methodist School of Nursing many years ago and lived on the same floor in the dorm. We had many fun times together. I remember how her mother always used to send Marie supplies of salted Spanish peanuts and we girls in the dorm were happy to help her eat them. About a year ago, we had a nice chat on the phone and her sense of humor was very much the same as it was back in our college days. She reminded me that we were the last two living members of our class.

Helen Yager, Fenton, Iowa - August 13, 2014 at 09:16 PM

CS

“ David, Steven and Blaine... Sorry to hear of your mothers passing... From all of us who grew up in Fraser and went to school with all of you..our deepest sympathies ...and prayers to all of you and your families

Carol (King) Stiles - August 13, 2014 at 05:10 PM

KJ

“ Steve, We are very sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. Our sincerest condolences to you and your family. Karen

Karen Mondt Johnson - August 12, 2014 at 07:52 PM

JS

“ Thursday night I was looking at old photos and came across one with my father with her brother holding Marie in a tree in 1922. Marie and her brother always held a special place in my fathers heart even unto my parents naming one of my sisters after her. Whenever I was home we always had to go see Marie. After WWII my father came back on a Liberty ship & recounts the Queen Mary (which Marie was on) overtaking and passing them by. This time my father made port 5 months ahead of Marie but they are both in safe harbor now. Our prayers are with Dave, Steve, Blaine & their families in this time of grief.

Jim & Sandy Seymour - August 11, 2014 at 04:03 PM



“ Dave, Steve, Blaine and families - Sorry to here about Auntie Marie. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time.
Jim and Joyce Crandell

August 11, 2014 at 03:36 PM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss, she was a wonderful nurse and friend. I was the nurse whom took her place when she retired, what big shoes to fill:)

Julie Burge - August 11, 2014 at 09:37 AM

BL

“ Steve, Cheryl and the rest of Marie's family,
I worked for many years with Cheryl at Mary Greeley. My thoughts and prayers are with you in your loss.

Brenda

Brenda Leach - August 10, 2014 at 06:43 PM