



Donabel Richardson Levett

November 5, 1916 - June 29, 2016

Donabel U. Richardson Levett (1916-2016)

CEDAR FALLS – Donabel U. Richardson Levett, 99, of Cedar Falls died Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo.

She was born November 5, 1916, in Ireton, Iowa, daughter of the Rev. Dr. D.M. Simpson and Una Griffen Simpson. She married Robert R. Richardson on March 11, 1938 in Pocahontas, Iowa, and he preceded her in death in 1972. She married Charles J. Levett on February 14, 1976 in Cedar Falls, and he preceded her in death on October 3, 2005.

She attended Morningside College in Sioux City. She co-owned and operated Richardson Funeral Home with her first husband, and was employed with Sweeny's and Braley's Dress Shops prior to managing the Estee Lauder Cosmetic Department at Black's Department Store at College Square. She retired in 1976 from Carson Pirie Scott. She was Past Worthy Matron of Cedar Falls Chapter #78 O.E.S. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls.

Survived by: three sons, Bob (JoDee) Richardson and Don (Jean) Richardson of Cedar Falls, and Dr. James (Paula) Levett of Cedar Rapids; two daughters, Donna Kay Glass of Sterling, VA and Valerie (Kit Stolz) Levett of Ojai, CA ;

and 14 grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: a brother, Glenn G. Simpson; and son-in-law, Larry Glass.

Services: 10 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church, Cedar Falls, with burial in East Lawn Cemetery in Algona. Visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Richardson Funeral Service and also for one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice or the church.

Cemetery Details

East Lawn Cemetery

Algona, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Funeral Service

JUL 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
718 Clay Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
<http://aboutfirst.com>

Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Don and Family,
My prayers and sympathy to you and your family on your Mothers death. I happened to read about it in the Algona paper. Don I do remember meeting her once in our college days. God Bless all of you.*

*Dan Elbert
Whittemore*

Dan Elbert - July 09, 2016 at 10:58 AM

LS

“ *Richardson Family: What a beautiful lady! Such a legacy. Grace and peace to you all as you say your earthly good-byes - may the Lord keep His strong arms around you, giving you comfort and strength.*

Linda Sharp - July 02, 2016 at 07:29 AM

MH

“ *What a gracious, elegant lady was Aunt Donabel. She was so kind to me in my childhood. Our prayers and sympathy go out to you, Bob, Donna Kay, and Don. I know you will miss your precious mom. Enjoy the sweet memories. Love, Marilyn*

Marilyn Hansen - June 30, 2016 at 07:48 PM

PH

*Dear Don & family,
We extend our deepest sympathies to you & all of your family, it is very sad to loose your mom. What wonderful neighbor's she & Charlie were, living across the hall from our parents at Glen Meadows. Visits to Cedar Falls would include time spent with Donabel & Charlie - they were so gracious & so much fun! Thinking of you at this time & sending condolences from the Nelson family,
Peggy Hoover, Barb, Ken, Justin & Kevin Van Heiden, Sue Patterson & Julie Finley*

Peggy Nelson Hoover - July 01, 2016 at 06:59 AM

BK

“ *Don and Donna Kay - I was so saddened to get the word via Pete Christensen's email about Donabel. What a kind, wonderful lady she was. My mother will feel really bad when I take this news to her. She was a very good friend to my mom.*

Mother turned 96 Tuesday - her health is fragile. She no longer plays the piano. Her food is all pureed. Not a real good way to spend one's last days.

I know you will have good memories of your mother, but you will miss her a lot, too.

*Keith and Bonnie King
Jean Branch*

Bonnie King - June 30, 2016 at 12:59 PM

PB

“ *Pat and Charlie Brimeyer purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Donabel Richardson Levett.*



Pat and Charlie Brimeyer - June 29, 2016 at 09:09 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Donabel Richardson Levett.*



June 29, 2016 at 08:05 PM



“ *I have not seen Miss Donabel since the mid-1960's. However, I've never forgotten my introduction to her when I was a new Rainbow girl of twelve. She was perfectly groomed with a magnificent head of hair and a manner that exuded elegance and confidence. From speaking with Don, I know she lived a full, long life and has left many to remember her and miss her. Please accept my condolence. Sincerely, Tam Lorenz*

Tam Lorenz - June 29, 2016 at 07:48 PM

PB

“Where would I begin with memories of the woman I affectionately called Mom II? Sometimes the simplest times are the most memorable...Donna Kay and I sitting at the dining table with Donabel while she served us orange juice over ice and regaled us with stories and life's lessons. "Remember, girls, moderation in all things." She practiced what she preached - touched so many people's lives with her compassion, her generosity and her positive spirit. What wonderful 99 years of gifts she gave to this earth.

Charlie and I send hugs and sincere condolences to my "other" family. And I assure you that Donna Kay and I will not play the "Swinging Shepherd Blues" on our flutes upstairs of Richardsons during the visitation like we got caught doing when we were in school!

God bless and hugs for all, and God keep Donabel.

*Sending our love,
Patricia Ravn Brimeyer & Charlie*

Patricia and Charlie Brimeyer - June 29, 2016 at 07:42 PM