



Doris L. Crandall

January 28, 1929 - December 1, 2021

Cedar Falls – Doris L. Crandall, age 92 of Cedar Falls, died Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at Western Home Communities Martin Suites.

She was born January 28, 1929, in Hansel, Iowa, the daughter of Harold and Matie (Struthoff) Handorf. After graduating from Hansel High School, she earned a teaching degree from Iowa State Teachers College, and eventually received her master's in library science from UNI. On November 24, 1950, Doris was united in marriage to Max Crandall in Dumont. He preceded her in death on March 11, 2005. Doris worked as a librarian for UNI in the Lab School for 25 years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls.

Hansel was an important part of Doris's childhood. During WWII Doris was in Junior High when she and 3 friends were 6th grade cheerleaders and featured in an article in LIFE Magazine. That same group of friends were State Basketball contestants in 1945. Although they were defeated, Doris was chosen 1st All-State Guard by Jack North of the Des Moines Register. After 1984 when Max took early retirement from John Deere, they began hosting friends of all ages from foreign countries and the state of Iowa. Consequently, they enjoyed visiting those people in their homes and countries. Max and Doris, traveled to England, France, Germany, Mexico and Australia and New Zealand.

Doris was very proud of the poster of the home they lived in for 44 years on Clay Street. The poster was painted by Gary Kelley in 1991 and titled,

“Waterloo – Cedar Falls a great place to call home!”

Family and friends have always been very important to Doris. Her hobbies were traveling, reading, down-hill skiing, biking and trying new things. “Life is an adventure or nothing at all!”

She is survived by: her son, Kelly (Cheree) Crandall of Cedar Rapids; her daughter, Lori (Bill) Simpson of Hudson, FL; four grandkids, Brian (Sarah) Crandall of Cedar Rapids, Leslie (John) Alvarez of North Liberty, Ashley (James) Nelson of Des Moines, and Cari (Keith) Molochnick of Blackhawk, CO; seven great-grandkids, Ireland, Tyler, Richard, Maxton, Mason, Harper and Natalie; and a half-sister, Avis (Bob) Guthart of Cedar Falls. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Max; two sons, Kerry and Steven; a brother, Jim; and a half-brother Delmar Struthoff.

Funeral services will be 11am Tuesday, DECEMBER 14, at First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be from 4-7pm Monday, DECEMBER 13, at Richardson Funeral Service, and also one hour prior to the service at church. A luncheon will be served in the church hall following the funeral. Burial will be in Dumont Cemetery, in Dumont, Iowa. Memorials may be directed to the Western Home Foundation or the NE Iowa Food Bank. Online guestbook at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **13.** 4:00 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

DEC **14.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Burial

DEC **14.** 1:45 PM (CT)

Dumont Cemetery
Dumont Cemetery, IA 50625

Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Many fond memories of Aunt Doris when I was young and would visit with my grandparents. (Bud/Marci Crandall) Thoughts & prayers to the family.*

Lynnette Beam - December 14, 2021 at 07:56 PM

AJ

“ *Whenever I saw Doris we enjoyed catching up on our families and activities. She and Max lived across the street from my parents in their early years of married life...on W. 7th St. We also had connections through her brother Jim, as he was my driver's education teacher when he was student teaching. May the Lord give you His peace as He alone can do. Alice Janssen*

Alice Janssen - December 06, 2021 at 12:49 PM

CI

“ *Kelly, Lori and families,
I am so sorry for the loss of your dear mother and grandmother, Doris. I loved that she graduated from Hansell HS! I know exactly where Hansell is as my first teaching job was teaching music at Ackley-Geneva in the middle school at Geneva! My dad enjoyed fishing with your dad when they wintered in Texas. Your mom always had a beautiful smile and greeted me warmly when I saw her around town. My thoughts, prayers and hugs are with you. Love,
Chris Hesse Isley*

Christina Isley - December 05, 2021 at 01:36 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Doris L. Crandall.*



December 03, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *I remember Doris from having been a fellow student in the UNI Library Science Department. She had a very enthusiastic aura about her. She has popped up in my memory many times over the years. Condolences to her family.*

Terry Dutcher - December 03, 2021 at 08:18 AM



“ *For those who don't recognize the significance of the Waterloo-Cedar Falls poster, the house depicted in the drawing is the Crandall house where the family lived for so many years. My mother worked with Doris on projects at 1st UMC.*
- - *Linda (Hoffman) Holm*

Linda (Hoffman) Holm - December 02, 2021 at 04:24 PM



“ *Doris was a wonderful neighbor for 25 years.*
Maridee Brue Whitehead



Maridee Whitehead - December 02, 2021 at 12:22 PM

BC

“ *Fond memories of Doris from 1st UM in CF. She was always cheerful and gave much to the church in being involved. Peace to you Doris~~comfort and love to the family.*

Barb Carlson - December 02, 2021 at 08:23 AM