



Dorothy Stitt

August 11, 1929 - January 2, 2008

Dorothy E. Holtkamp-Stitt (1929-2008)

CEDAR FALLS- Dorothy E. Holtkamp-Stitt, 78, of Cedar Falls, died Wednesday Jan. 2, at Sartori Memorial Hospital.

She was born Aug. 11, 1929, in West Union, daughter of Arthur E. and Edna M. (Messerer) Reeck. She married Rolf A. Holtkamp on July 3, 1949 in Waterloo. He died January 13, 1968. She then married Clyde L. Stitt. They later divorced.

Ms. Stitt was a graduate of Waterloo West High School. She was a homemaker for her family. She displayed her artistic ability when she began painting in the early 1950's, and later she began carving emu and ostrich eggs. In 1976, she opened the Broom Factory Restaurant on the Cedar River in Cedar Falls. She was very active in the fund raiser to save the Cedar Falls Bible Conference Grounds.

Survivors include: a daughter, Lynne (Youri) Dimitrov and a son, Daniel A. Holtkamp both of Cedar Falls; and two granddaughters, Miroslava Dimitrova of Cedar Falls and Tatyana Dimitrova of Milan, Italy.

Preceded in death by: a son, Michael; and two sisters, Marion Schoepfoerster

and Vera Pippenger.

Services: 1:30 p.m. Monday at Nazareth Lutheran Church with burial in Greenwood Cemetery, both in Cedar Falls. Public visitation from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Richardson Funeral Home. Visitation also for one hour before services Monday at the church.

Memorials: may be directed to Cedar Falls Bible Conference or Cedar Valley Food Bank.

Condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy was always kind, inquisitive and supportive of any of the UNI student groups under my care that met and dined at her establishment. I probably will never come through Cedar Falls again. But if one thing could bring me there, it would be the emu meat she made available and well-plated.

Susan

s - October 28, 2015 at 07:25 PM



“ Family of Dorothy Stitt: We are so sorry to hear of Dorothy's passing. She was a lovely, gracious lady, who always took the time to visit with us when we had dinner at our favorite place, The Broom Factory. I loved looking at and listening to her stories about her incredible eggs. She was a creative, kind, and warm person, and we will miss her. Joe and Julie Breitbach, owners, Joe's KnightHawk Restaurant, Waverly.

March 29, 2013 at 02:52 PM



“ Dear Lynne and family,
I'm so sorry to hear about Dorothy's passing - she was a dear friend and boss and was always so wonderful to me. I loved working with her at the Broom Factory in the early 90's and have so many great memories. She even visited me a few times when she came to Arizona a few years ago. She was very talented and quite a personality - she will be missed.

March 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I consider Dorothy Stitt to have been a very dear and kind friend. I worked at the Broom Factory from 1996 to 2001 and had the priviledge of getting to know her family and friends. God bless Lynn and family.

February 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dorothy was one of the kindest people I ever met. We lost our Waverly home in the horrible flood of 1999 and it essentially destroyed everything we owned. We were living in motels when I ran into Dorothy and she said "you can live in my house on Grand until you can find other arrangments." No lease, no worry about my finances...it was all month to month. It was wonderful. I told her everytime I saw her that God sent an angel to watch over me...and she was my angel. We will miss her.

James and Susan Infelt

January 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our sincere sympathy to neighbors Lynn and Youri. I'm sure this will be such a loss for the two of you since you all spent so much time together.

Our thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

Dave and Carol Ann--Rockport, TX

January 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked with Dorothy at The Broom Factory in 97-98? while my Husband was in Korea. I love the atmosphere of that restraurant and all who worked there at that time. Dorothy was such a sweet lady and she will be misssd greatly by all who knew her. Blessings to her family. God Bless you Dorothy

January 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To the family and friends of Dorothy Stitt: Dave and I were very saddened to hear of the passing of Dorothy. She was an institution in Cedar Falls. On all of our frequent visits to the area we looked forward to seeing her at the Broom Factory. She was a very warm, creative, beautiful woman who made the room light up when she was in your presence. God Bless her,

With our deepest sympathy,

*Dave and Clare Spensley
St. Pete Beach, Florida*

January 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My husband is a distant cousin to Dorothy and we met her when we were engaged. She was very sweet and lovable whenever we got together. She always made sure she had a moment to sit and chat with us. She even offered to do our wedding for us but, unfortunately, we had too many guests for her beautiful accomodations. She will be greatly missed by her friends and very extended family. God Bless You, Dorothy.

January 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked for Dorothy for several years and have always had a great deal of respect for her and the business, *The Broom Factory*. Dorothy, you will be missed. Thank you for your dedication to our community and the good works you have done. Blessings to the family and all who loved Dorothy.

January 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM