



Ella Gogel

May 31, 2010

Ella Mae Gogel, 82 years, Cedar Falls, Iowa, died at the Cedar Falls Lutheran Home Monday, May 31, 2010, of natural causes.

She was born November 24, 1927 on a farm near Delphos, Ohio, daughter of Edward L. and Helen (Renner) Gerdeman. She married Kenneth Grant Gogel on June 23, 1951 in Delphos, Ohio. Kenneth Gogel died on June 27, 1991.

Survivors include her children: Stephen and Cheryl Gogel of Waterloo, IA, Matthew and Linda Gogel of Cedar Falls, IA, Michael Gogel and Kitt Jackson of New Hartford, IA, Anne Barghini-De Perry and Preston Johnson of St. Paul, MN, Tamara and Rick Hall of Knoxville, TN, and Gretchen and Dan Huetteman of St. Michael, MN. Also surviving are seven grandchildren: Nicholas and Sophia Barghini, Skyler De Perry, Alexandria "Lexi" and Megan Hall, and Megan Ann and Julia Mae Huetteman. There are two step-grandsons: Major and Solomon Barber; and four great-grandchildren: Major Jr., Makayla, Myles, and Alicia Barber. Other survivors are two brothers: Earl and Bill Gerdeman of Delphos, OH; and a sister, Janice Kaskocsak of Dayton, OH.

She was preceded in death by her father, mother and an infant brother, Robert C. Gerdeman.

Ella Mae received her education at Mary Manse College, Toledo, Ohio, Ohio State University and the University of Northern Iowa. She taught fourth grade in Glandorf, OH, high school classes in Cedar Falls, IA, and parenting classes in Dunkerton and Waverly, IA.

Ella Mae was a founding member of the Black Hawk County Association for Children with Learning Disabilities. She and Kenneth were co-presidents during the association's first years. She was a member of the Board of Directors for Area Education Agency 7 (AEA 267) from August 1974, when Iowa's Area Education Agencies were established. Ella Mae served as president of the AEA 7 (AEA 267) board for eight years. For five years she was president of the Iowa Council of Area Education Boards and for eight years she represented the Iowa AEA boards as a board member of the Iowa Association of School Boards.

In 1985, Ella Mae was awarded the Justus A. Prentice award by the American Association of Educational Service Agencies for "Distinguished Service and Outstanding Contributions to Education Service Agencies and American Education".

She was a co-founder and for six years, the first president of the Friends of KUNI/KHKE, the University of Northern Iowa's public radio stations. For ten years, Ella Mae was a consultant for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in the areas of development, volunteerism, and fund-raising.

Since 1977, Ella Mae was a board member and Parent Coordinator for the National Association for the Gifted (TAG). In 1983, she received the Certificate of Merit from the National Council for Exceptional Children "In Appreciation of your Dedication and Service to Gifted Children".

In 1988, Ella Mae received the Distinguished Service Award from the Iowa

Talented and Gifted Association. She was a frequent speaker on parenting skills and advocacy for children with special needs. Ella Mae served for many years on the Exceptional Persons board as well as the Permanent Planning and Community United Child Care Center boards.

Her body was deeded to the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City. Richardson Funeral Home, Cedar Falls, is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at their website: www.richardsonfuneralservice.com. Memorials may be made to St. Stephen's Catholic Student Center, the Friends of KUNI/KHKE public radio, Exceptional Persons, or St. Patricks Catholic Church.

A memorial service will be held 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 26, 2010 at St. Steven the Witness Catholic Student Center, 1019 W. 23rd Street, Cedar Falls.

Tribute Wall



“ Gretchen and family,
I am so sorry to hear of the death of your wonderful mother. As you know, she was as good a babysitter as she was a humanitarian. Her kindness and energy will long be remember.

March 29, 2013 at 02:50 PM



“ Ella Mae and I worked together on the ITAG Board for many years. I so admired her high energy and intellect. She was a wealth of information on a variety of topics. Ella Mae was a wonderful friend and rarely turned down an opportunity to help and volunteer. I will miss her yearly Christmas card and the "catch up" notes on her family. Even though I never met all her children, I do feel like in the 30 years I knew her, I came to know her children as well. Our other connection was that Ken was my art instructor at SCI/UNI! Iowa and the Waterloo/Cedar Falls area will surely miss Ella Mae.

June 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I met Ella Mae Gogel as a young child as Tammy and I went to grade school together at Main Street School. She was a neat lady who I remembering having a beautiful smile. My sympathies to the entire family and God Bless you all.

June 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Matt and Linda,
My deepest sympathy to you and your family. I'm thankful to have met Ella Mae. She was a very intelligent and interesting person to know.
I'm lifting you all before God for strength, comfort and peace.*

June 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hello Family
Several of you girls, as well as your mother, babysit our children- Matt, Angie, and Aj Smith
We thought alot of your mother, and am so sorry for your loss. She was quite a woman! Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all and your families. I will try to get to the service. Matt is married with 4 children, Angie has 1, and AJ and his wife have no children but are quite fond of their little dog, Minnie. God bless you all!*

June 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joy and I are saddened at Ella Mae's death. To have known her was to believe her energy and zest for life were never-ending. Gracious, good-humored (and humorous), generous; these are the ways we will remember her. Many have needed her, perhaps now more than ever. And she is gone. Our condolences to her family.*

Brock and Joy Knoll.

June 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Steve and Tammy;
You must have had a wonderful mother. She was the foundation of two people that I admire. I wish to express my heart felt sympathy to you and your families.
At this time of sorrow please be thankful for all the good times that you have shared with your mother. The examples that she gave you give to your children.
Arlow Bailey

June 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Ella Mae was one incredible woman to say the least! I had the privilege of spending many years with her as we were deeply involved with the Black Hawk Bremer League of Women Voters and working on local campaigns. Over many lunches and emails we shared our thoughts about politics, our kids and our parents among other things. Ella Mae was just the very best and I was so lucky to have known, worked with and enjoyed her all these years! I will not be in town on the 26th so will miss her service, but Ella Mae will always be with me as a treasured memory. I will never forget her spirit and her friendship. My thoughts are with you as the family she dearly loved say your goodbyes to this wonderful woman.

June 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ My sympathy to the family of Ella Mae Gogel. She was a remarkable woman who dedicated her skills and energy to many causes that have made the world a better place. I consider it an honor to have known her and called her friend.

June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Steve, Cheryl and Family,
We would like to express our deepest sympathy to you and your family. There is nothing that compares to the loss of a mother. It has been a long road these past few years, and now, "Ellie Mae" is at peace. God Bless you all in these coming days. May the memories you shared, the love of family and friends, and knowing she is with her Creator, and will be reunited with you all again, sustain you and bring you peace. Love, Paulie and Granny

June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM