



Genevieve "Bunny" Grassley Wiegmann

January 9, 1923 - February 3, 2014

Genevieve "Bunny" Grassley Wiegmann, 91, of Cedar Falls, died Monday, February 3, 2014, at Sartori Memorial Hospital.

She was born January 9, 1923 in Cedar Falls, daughter of Louis A and Ruth G. (Corwin) Grassley. She married Edward D. Wiegmann on December 14, 1941 in Cedar Falls. He died April 4, 1990.

She graduated from New Hartford High School and was a bookkeeper with F.W. Woolworth Co. for 45 years, retiring in 1989.

Survived by: a daughter, Gwen Wiegmann of Riverside; a brother, Senator Charles (Barbara) Grassley of New Hartford; brother-in-law, Don West of Cedar Falls; and sister-in-law, Peg Grassley of Boone; eight nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by: parents; one sister, Lois West; two brothers, Kenneth "Gene" and Louis "Bud" Grassley.

Graveside Services: 11:00 a.m. Thursday at Greenwood Cemetery, Cedar Falls. Visitation from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Richardson Funeral Service. Memorials may be directed to the UNI Athletic Department.

Tribute Wall

DF

“Bunny has been a friend of the Turner family for years. In the days when babies were born at home (there were 8 of us-I'm No 7) Bunny came into our home after the birth of my younger brother who had problems, and she was our Mother replacement for a while and became friends of my older sisters. We will miss her friendliness.

Doris (Turner) Fleshner - February 06, 2014 at 05:33 PM

HW

“It didn't take long to know that Bunny's life was devoted to faith, family, and friends. Karen and I worked with her on the Senator's first campaign for Congress. She set a strong example of for all of us volunteers to follow. She expected the best from everyone, especially herself. Our lives are better for having known her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you this day.

Henry and Karen Wulff - February 06, 2014 at 05:33 PM

CB

“I always enjoyed hearing stories about the Grassley family in Iowa from Barbara, and many of them featured Bunny. It's truly a remarkable family, and Bunny was one of the fixtures. Our condolences at CC&H to the whole family.

Chuck Baker - February 06, 2014 at 05:32 PM

AJ

“We're sorry to hear of Bunny's sudden death. I always enjoyed visiting with her through the years at church, the store or UNI games. I know she will be missed by all of you. May God give you His peace during the days ahead.

Alice (Bunnell) Janssen - February 06, 2014 at 05:32 PM

JM

“ Sincere thoughts of sympathy to all of Bunny's family. What a great lady to have known for many years. She will be missed and remembered fondly in all our hearts, too.

Joan Meany - February 06, 2014 at 05:32 PM

JC

“ Driving home from work I could always count on Bunny to be outside in her yard mowing, raking, shoveling, or talking with the neighbors. Her wave and smile were always heartwarming as I turned the corner into the Carol Court cul-de-sac. Her spirit and energy were an inspiration. God bless.

Jackie Chouinard - February 06, 2014 at 05:32 PM

JB

“ Bunny was an exceptional person and will have a special place in our memories. Please accept our deepest sympathy for your family's loss.

John and Deann Bates - February 06, 2014 at 05:32 PM

BT

“ I smile at the thought of Bunny, encountered occasionally during years working for her brother - who cherished this trusty ally in the ups and downs of politics. She seemed a sunny presence in other lives, which guarantees her memory will prove a source of ongoing joy and that she will be sorely missed. My warmest thoughts to the Grassley family and other relatives.

Beverly Tauke - February 06, 2014 at 05:31 PM

MD

“ Always a friendly voice and a source of invaluable information to lost staffers. I'll miss the chance to chat, but it is certainly a beautiful life lived.

Mary Day - February 06, 2014 at 05:31 PM

EG

“ I've known Bunny since I was three years old and she would always wave across the street to my sister and I--even if she was up on a ladder! Bunny has been an wonderful friend and has always given great advice. I will miss her very much.

Emily Gaard - February 06, 2014 at 05:31 PM

HG

“ Bunny always welcomed me into her home for lively chats. She had a special way of making me feel very loved. I am blessed to have grown up across the street from her and will always cherish her hugs and smiles.

Holly Gaard - February 06, 2014 at 05:31 PM

SF

“ Our families became one after that dreaded winter morning when Ed had his massive heart attack. You took us under your wings and we celebrated life's gifts together over the years. UNI football games, military commissions, and weddings to name a few. We will continue to celebrate your life and send our deepest condolences to Gwen, Barbra, Sen Chuck Grassley and the entire family.
In Deep Sadness,
Sharief Fahmy, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)

Sharief Fahmy - February 06, 2014 at 05:30 PM

RM

“ *My condolences to the Grassley Family and to Bunny's daughter Gwen. My acquaintance with Bunny through political channels was brief but always pleasant. It was my blessing to know her.*

Rev. Marni Malone - February 06, 2014 at 05:30 PM

JP

“ *I never had the privilege of meeting Bunny but feel I knew her though Gwen speaking of her. She was a remarkable person and so active in following the conservative movement and UNI sports. I am happy she was able to be in her home until the end. May she rest in peace and have her wishes for our country answered.*

Jan

Janeth Peterseim - February 06, 2014 at 05:30 PM

KR

“ *Bunny was an "institution" in the Grassley '79 senate race. Rumor had it, she ran a direct mail operation almost single-handedly out of her basement.*

When my first husband, Luke, came to Iowa to work on Senator Grassley's then third district congressional race, Bunny kept him in line, fed him, and found him places to stay.

She was one of those volunteers everyone needs on a campaign - tireless and committed.

Rest in peace, Bunny - you fought the good fight for conservatives everywhere!

Katie Roth - February 06, 2014 at 05:30 PM

TH

“ *Bunny has been a great person to know. She was the best friend of our Aunt Marian Paul.
Bunny & Marian can spend endless hours now talking politics and family in heaven.
I personally say thank you to Bunny for helping me on my campaign for Cedar Falls City Council. She made numerous phone calls to get people to the polls!
Peace with you Bunny.*

Tom & Cathy Hagarty - February 06, 2014 at 05:29 PM

MH

“ *So saddened to learn of the passing of Bunny. A very kind, friendly and down to earth lady. We would see Bunny every so often at family events were very touched once when she and her daughter personally came to watch one of my daughter Hannah's Veteran performances. I once rode in the back seat of a car with Bunny to a basketball game a couple of hours south of here. She and I talked all the way down about her childhood and growing up on a farm here in Iowa and what her early days were like. A wonderful lady. Our condolences to the entire family. May you rest in peace Bunny.*

Margaret (Hagarty) Ackerman, daughters H - February 06, 2014 at 05:29 PM

SC

“ *I can remember when Grandma and I would go over to dimestore to sit down with Bunny and have coffee, cookies, and chocolate milk when I was young. She had a very pleasant disposition and a good sense of humor. We use to go over to Bunny and Ed's house so the women could talk and Ed tell me about how he got started in life by selling peanuts. I have good memories of Bunny with her bubbly personality and generosity.*

Steve Corwin - February 06, 2014 at 05:29 PM

SO

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of your family's loss. Our thoughts are with your family at this difficult time.

I feel blessed to have come to know Bunny over the years. She always had kind words and a warm hug to share whenever I saw her. She'll always hold a special place in my heart. -- Sarah Evan and Sarah (Rottinghaus) Olson

Sarah Rottinghaus Olson - February 06, 2014 at 05:29 PM