



Jenifer Sampson

July 7, 2009

Jenifer Marie Sampson (1930-2009)

CEDAR FALLS- Jenifer Marie Sampson, 78, of Cedar Falls died Monday, July 6 at Sartori Memorial Hospital.

She was born November 16, 1930 in Rutland, the daughter of Leon Henry and Guinevera (Johnson) Watson. She married Thomas E. "Sam" Sampson on January 27, 1950 in Cedar Falls. He died October 26, 2001.

She graduated from Rutland High School in 1948, and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1952 from Iowa State Teachers College (UNI). She co-owned and operated Sampson's Card and Camera with her husband. She was past President of First United Methodist Women.

Survivors include a son, Mark (Kathleen) Sampson of Tucson, AZ; a daughter, Tomi Sue (Michael) Palmer of Norwalk; four grandchildren, Chris DeMoss, Catherine Palmer, Robert Ramirez, and Alicia Ramirez; three great-grandsons, Devin, Dylan, and Dawson DeMoss; a sister-in-law, Kathryn Zahrt of West Covina, CA; and nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by two brothers, Jean and Lyle Watson.

Services will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church, with burial in Fairview Cemetery, both in Cedar Falls. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, at Richardson Funeral Home (266-3525) and for one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the church.

Tribute Wall



“ To Mark and Tomi Sue ,I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of Jen. I have been making a few plans for the next year or two to come and see her , and am saddened that I have missed my chance.My memories of Jen and her beautiful 'american home' are many,she was my first 'mum' when I first arrived in Cedar Falls and was just perfectly welcoming,so smiling and warm.The wonderful shop she and Sam had was so very special and was something I had not seen before as a 16 year old.I will miss the Christmas letter I look forward to this year that keeps me up to date with your lives. With love and sympathy to you and your families,Kate X

July 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mark and Tomi Sue,

I remember so well, shopping in your parent's store and taking part of my weekly earnings from my paper route to pay on my bill for the stereo equipment that I had purchased. Your mom and dad were always so good to me and trusting of such a young kid who was so enamoured with the Stereo Staircase and all of the neat stuff upstairs. How the landscape of Cedar Falls and the Parkade has changed, but the memories that I have of such a wonderful place to grow up and of all of the people that made Cedar Falls was it is today speak volumes about the impact your parents had on the community. Please accept my most sincere condolences.

July 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



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I wanted to pass on my families deepest condolences. I have fond memories of your mother, both from playing at your home as a child and from constantly dropping by at Sampson's on the Parkade to say hello to my mother. Jen was always kind to me and made me feel welcome. I remember her with a smile on her face and a loud, bright laugh. She seemed incredibly energetic to me as a child. Both of your parents were great to my mom and to our young family in so many ways. I remember staying overnight at your house the night my younger sister was born. I know that she will be sorely missed by both of you.

--Rob Blech

July 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM