



Mary J. Rathbone

October 6, 1923 - December 29, 2014

Mary J. Rathbone (1923-2014)

CEDAR FALLS- Mary J. Rathbone, 91, of Cedar Falls, died Monday, December 29, 2014, at UnityPoint-Allen Hospital in Waterloo.

She was born October 6, 1923, in Frederika, Iowa, daughter of Claude and Amelia (Ebert) Carroll. She married Wayne Rathbone and he preceded her in death on May 2, 1997.

She graduated from Frederika High School and served in the Women's Army Corps. She was employed with the US Census Bureau, the University of Iowa, and Iowa State University as an interviewer and data collector and also worked at election polls.

Survived by: a son, Clay (Kim) Rathbone of Postville; two daughters, Merry Kay Backes of Jesup and Julie (Rocky) Samek of Lawton, OK; nine grandchildren: Julie Wurzer, David Bohringer, Bridget Brown, Candyce Duffy, Zane Samek, Kate Samek, Zach Rathbone, Haylee Rathbone and Olivia Rathbone; ten great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Preceded in death by: a son, Winston Rathbone; a daughter, Claudia

Sandquist; a grandson, Winston McKay; and a son-in-law, Jerry Backes.

Services: 4:00 p.m. Wednesday at NewAldaya Lifescapes Chapel in Cedar Falls with visitation for one hour prior to the service. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Previous Events

Gathering

DEC **31**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

NewAldaya Lifescapes Chapel
7511 University Avenue
Cedar Falls, IA
(319) 268-0401

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *I didn't realize that Mary had passed away. I have many fond memories of her while growing up. She was a wonderful woman.*

Sincerely,

Karolyn Hillen Sorge

Karolyn Sorge - January 10, 2015 at 09:54 PM

AE

“ *Mary was an institution at election time at North Cedar school. I remember going with my mom, before I was able to vote; she was always so nice. I was glad for a friendly face when it came time to vote myself.*

Aimee Erne - January 08, 2015 at 02:03 PM

GA

“ *Dear Family, We were not aware of Mary's illness nor the funeral. Otherwise, we would have been there. Galen has many fond memories of your family. We will be praying for your families comfort and healing.*

Galen & Schaene'tte Anway

Galen & Schaene'tte Anway - January 05, 2015 at 08:30 PM

JA

“ *My sincere sympathy to Mary's family.*



Jan Alexander - January 02, 2015 at 01:41 PM

 Becky Peterson

“ *So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers to you and your family. May God comfort you through this time of loss.*

*Joel & Becky Peterson
and Family*

Becky Peterson - January 02, 2015 at 10:09 AM

ML

“ *We are so sorry about Mary. We just loved her. We always had such fun being with her!!! She was so wise and taught us a lot with her stories. Mary made dad's (Curly) last years wonderful! Your family is in our prayers. Mitch and Susie Lantz*

mitch lantz - January 01, 2015 at 12:01 PM

CU

“ *Hi I used to hang out with your mom in gra for e school and spent some time at your grandma's house. Those were great times and I remember your grsndma laughing at the silly things wr did. Dhe wad s wonderful lady. Her memoried will live in your heart forever.
Cheryl Stevens Uhde*

Cheryl Uhde - December 30, 2014 at 11:43 PM