



Mary Runyan

September 25, 1926 - November 14, 2012

Mary A. Runyan (1926-2012)

CEDAR FALLS- Mary A. Runyan, 86, of Cedar Falls, died Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo, following a sudden stroke.

She was born September 25, 1926, in Waterloo, daughter of Samuel and Anna (Bartles) Soteris. She married Darwin J. Runyan on March 8, 1945 and they later divorced.

She graduated from Pitze's School of Beauty. She was employed with Rath Packing and then owned and operated Mary's Beauty Salon.

Survived by: her son, Sam of Cedar Falls; daughter, Angie (Jeff) Runyan Berg of Waimanalo, Hawaii; special companion, John H. (J.B.) Bartling of Cedar Falls; grandchildren, Chris Runyan, Josh (Tana) Runyan and Tony (Laura) Runyan; great-grandchildren, Meghan and Jessie and their mother, Becky Runyan, and Sydney, Abby Jo, Olivia and Garret.

Preceded in death by: two sisters, Freda Fowler and Georgia Deloff; four brothers, Nick, Daniel "Snike", James and Tony Sotoris.

Services: 11:00 a.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls, with inurnment in Garden of Memories Mausoleum at a later date. Visitation from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Richardson Funeral Service and also for one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Dear Sam, Angie and family members, Marna and I are saddened to hear of the loss of your dear mother. Mary was truly one of a kind. She was loved and will be missed by so many dear friends. We love you and will be thinking of you during this time of loss. Jack and Marna Creery

Jack & Marna Creery - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

SC

“ Dear Angie, Sam and family- my heart just broke when Ang called me with the sad news that Mary had passed. I have so many warm, loving memories of Mary and the million nights I stayed overnight at your house. Mary was a beautiful, one of a kind woman, unique, full of fun full of life, and I always loved and adored her. She treated me like family, and I felt like family when I was there. The numerous times spent in her shop getting my hair cut or "frosted" will not be forgotten. Showing up to school @ Lincoln with frosted hair at that age, gave them all something to talk about. I loved it!! And loved Mary for doing it for me. I am so happy that I got to spend time with her not so long ago at her house with my mom and you, Angie. That was a special night and one I will cherish the memory of. Other wonderful memories: painting flowers on your pool deck/learning to dive at your pool/trying to make a skating rink in your backyard, which wasn't very successful/hanging out in the shop with Mary and "the girls". Loved that. I could go on and on, but just know that I loved her and will miss her terribly. God bless Mary and all of you. With love Sue and Ron Cook

Sue Cook - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

JD

“ My sincere sympathy to the Runyan Children, and to JB who I've known for many years, when he was in the food service business. Mary was a very neat Lady and she will be missed by all of you. God Bless you all.
Jim Darrah

Jim Darrah - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

BB

“ Dear Tony, and your family, so sorry for the loss of your grandmother. Although we did not know her, we saw the influence she had on you. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Butch & Dianna Brown - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

DS

“ Sam and family,

So sorry to hear about your mother's passing. Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to you and your family. In this difficult time may God's grace surround you and give you peace.

Dr. Eldon B. Swanson - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

MG

“ Angie, Mike Green here. Bob Shafers (Ron) friend. Sorry to hear about mom. Take care. Mike

Mike Green - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

DG

“ *Mary Runyan Family and JB you are all in our prayers, It was an blessing to have know and worked with Sam and family. Mary and JB made me feel at home when I was away from home. God Bless and Thank you Mary one more time for your warm heart and caring ways. Mary was all about her family and if is alive and growing with her special family.
We will never forget Mary...*

Dan Glynn - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

BE

“ *Nov. 19th - 10:30 a.m. Dear Angie, Sam, JB and families,
As William Saroyan said - "Live - so that in that wondrous time - you shall not add to the misery & sorrow of the world, but shall smile to the infinite delight and mystery of it all. Mary had so much to smile about. Love from Bobbi Ecker*

Bobbi Ecker-Blatchford - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

MT

“ *Mary Runyan*

Marie Tillman - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

LL

“ *Angie and Family, I was sorry to learn of your mom's death. I think of you and Jeff living in Hawaii quite often and hope that you are both happy in paradise.*

The next time that you and Jeff return to Cedar Falls, I hope that it is under happier circumstances. With my sympathy, Lynne Lent

Lynne Butschy Lent - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM