



Rachel Doran

July 6, 1920 - August 29, 2009

Rachel L. Doran (1920-2009)

CEDAR FALLS- Rachel L. Doran, 89, of Cedar Falls, died Saturday, August 29, 2009 at her home.

She was born July 6, 1920 in Waterloo, the daughter of Reverend I.L. and Leonora (Schilling) Baumgartner. She married George A. Caldwell on June 11, 1955 in Des Moines. He preceded her in death. She married John F. Doran on June 18, 1960 in Des Moines. He died October 29, 1968.

She graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1938 and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1942 from Iowa State Teachers College (UNI). She taught high school Art in Chester and Burlington schools before attending Washington University in St. Louis, MO, graduating in 1945 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy. She worked as an Occupational Therapist for a short time at the Knoxville V.A. Hospital, and then for many years at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Des Moines.

Survivors include a sister, Becky (LeRoy) Bierwirth of Cedar Falls; 1 nephew; 5 nieces; great-nieces and nephews; 2 stepsons, Roland Doran of Florida, and Richard Doran of Pleasant Hill; and a stepdaughter, Doris Moeller of Ft. Covington, NY.

Preceded in death by two sisters, Ruth Baumgartner and Eunice Lentz.

Family directed memorial services will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Timothys United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls, with inurnment in Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines. There will be no visitation.

Memorials may be directed to the church, Western Home Foundation, or Staves Memorial United Methodist Church (2747 East Madison Ave, Des Moines, IA, 50317).

Tribute Wall



“ *Becky & LeRoy & family-
We were sorry to hear about Rachel - what a wonderful life lived by
a wonderful woman. We have her still in the many illustrations she
did for Staves & for the Iowa Nigeria partnership.
She was such a blessing to us all.
Her garden tools continue to do great work in creating beauty in my
yard.
Prayers & blessings to all her family who celebrate her long &
courageous life.
She was fortunate to have such a caring family.
In His Love ,
Steve & Kay Oliver*

September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Becky & LeRoy & family,
We are so sorry to hear of Rachel's passing. She now has the
perfect healing. I have a few fond memories to share -- most
important her smile and love of Jesus. We went over to her house
once and picked cherries I believe it was (long time ago). I too
remember her beautiful art work - adorns the Staves Cookbook of
1984, of which I was part of the committee. I always said the little
boy she depicted on the front cover was our son Joey. Prayers are
with the family. God Bless. Clarence & Linda Robinson*

September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Becky, LeRoy and family: We were so sorry to hear of Rachel's unexpected death Saturday. I have so many fond memories of running back and forth between the houses on 30th St, and the fact that she and I shared a birthday. She was so creative and artistic and always used her talents to help others. She was brave and caring, and I know you will miss her tremendously. Our condolences. Ellen and Richard*

September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM