



Ramona Tinkey

July 14, 1929 - December 11, 2020

Ramona Tinkey, 91, of Cedar Falls died Friday, December 11, 2020 at Western Home Communities Martin Suites.

She was born July 14, 1929 in Waterloo, daughter of Howard and Maxine (Fisher) Beatty. Ramona moved to Edgewood, Iowa with her family when she was quite young. She grew up in Edgewood, graduating from Edgewood High School in 1947. While in high school, Ramona was a cheerleader. She was also a lifeguard at Backbone State Park.

Ramona then attended Upper Iowa University and graduated in August of 1951 with a 2-year Diploma and a teaching certificate. While at Upper Iowa, Ramona was a runner-up for Homecoming Queen. After graduating, Ramona taught school in Guttenberg, Iowa and Denver, Iowa. She also worked as an associate at Cedar Heights School in Cedar Falls, Iowa for many years. On July 11, 1952, Ramona married Newell Tinkey in Edgewood. Three children were born to this union, Jody Helmrichs (Roger) of Dundee, Jamie Chapman (Dave) of Denver, and Jeffery Tinkey (Sue) of Egg Harbor Township, NJ; two grandchildren; Matt (Jen) Chapman of Cedar Falls, and Michaela Tinkey of New York, NY; a great grandson, Elias Chapman; several nieces, nephews, and their families. Preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and her twin brother, Roger Beatty.

Ramona loved life and being around people. She played bridge for many years, enjoyed going out to eat, visiting the casinos, and spending time with her friends. Ramona was blessed with many good friends during her lifetime. She also volunteered her time at MercyOne in Cedar Falls.

Memorials may be made to Cedar Valley Hospice, Cedar Bend Humane Society, or the Salvation Army in Waterloo.

Cemetery Details

Edgewood Cemetery

Edgewood, IA

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

JUN 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
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richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Tribute Wall

SA

“ *With deepest sympathy.
Pat Faye and Sandy*

sandy - December 24, 2020 at 10:43 AM

PC

“ *We are saddened to hear of Ramona's passing. She was a delightful and pleasant woman who had a great sense of humor. She so enjoyed being in the middle of activities and participating. She will be missed. So sorry for your loss.
Paul and Kathy Christensen*

Paul Christensen - December 20, 2020 at 05:37 AM

KF

“ *Moe was our neighbor in Royal Oaks and was always so kind and friendly. We missed her when she moved from the neighborhood because she was always so friendly and kind. She would share her summer tomatoes and regale us with stories about her wins at the casino and her friends at her favorite restaurant. She was an excellent cook and always wanted to host neighborhood bridge at Christmas time, and she would bring a table full of goodies which were delicious. We will miss her!*

Kathy Freiberg - December 14, 2020 at 12:27 PM

JE

“ Mo lived at the Ledges in CF...she was very friendly and we all enjoyed her. She made homemade bread every christmas for ALL of us that lived there. A really nice thing to do. I watched her in "action" when she volunteered at Sartori...I think she loved helping people. I will miss her. A new Christmas angel this season.....

Jean Murphy CF Ledges

Jean - December 13, 2020 at 07:55 PM

NM

“ We share our love and sympathy with the family of Ramona (Mo) Tinkey of Blessed Memory. For over 20 years, Mo was our cherished neighbor, living across the street from our home in Royal Oaks, Cedar Falls. We miss her infectious sense of humor, her delicious home-made rolls, and her courage and insight. Mo loved all things apples. We cherish taking her to the orchards in Wisconsin a few years ago. She was the most generous person imaginable, introducing us to the best pie restaurants in Iowa and Wisconsin. Mo, you continue to inspire us with your love of neighbors and gracious hospitality. Whenever life is normal and I can invite neighbors for a cup of coffee and friendly conversation, we will remember and honor you, Mo. Mo's 90th birthday bash was the best party imaginable.

Please let us know if there are any charities we can make a donation to in Mo's memory. We would also be honored to attend her memorial after our country is safe again for us to gather together in large groups.

*Love,
Naomi & John McCormick*

Naomi B McCormick - December 12, 2020 at 03:49 PM

PP

Moe was a neighbor and friend to us at Ledges 2; always wanted to have a social gathering. She was cheery even in her latest condition and wanted to hear any news going on here at the condo. She will be missed. Pat Petersen

Patricia Petersen - December 14, 2020 at 12:02 AM

FL

What a beautiful lady inside and out. You were always giving. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to know you. Your friends at the Cedar Falls Flowerama

Flowerama - December 15, 2020 at 12:56 PM