



Rita L. Averill

June 2, 1924 - November 2, 2018

Rita Sears Averill (1924-2018)

CEDAR FALLS – Rita Sears Averill, 94, of Cedar Falls died Friday, November 2, 2018 at Western Home Communities Elizabeth E. Martin Health Center.

She was born June 2, 1924 in Pembroke, MA, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Lashway) Sears. She married Raymond Averill on June 25, 1950 in Waterloo, Iowa.

She graduated from St. Mary's School (Waterloo) in 1941 and received x-ray technician training at St. Francis Hospital where she worked until she married. She also worked as a teacher's aide in the Cedar Falls School District.

Survived by: her husband of Cedar Falls; two sons, Paul (Ann Philipp) Averill of Cedar Falls and Tim Averill of St. Paul, MN; two daughters, Cathy Howland of Cedar Falls and Jean Gee of Waterloo; three grandchildren, Jim (Maggie) Averill, Hannah Howland, and Ruth Gee; one great grandson, Mike Averill; a sister, Frances Rozler of Buffalo, NY; and a brother, Michael (Mary) Sears of St. Charles, MO.

Preceded in death by: a daughter, Barbara; eight brothers: Phillip, Richard, Russell, Glenn, Norman, Gerald, Arthur, and Joel Sears.

Mass of Christian Burial: 11:00 a.m. Friday, Nov. 9th at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Cedar Falls with burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Waterloo. Visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Richardson Funeral Service, where there will be a rosary at 4 p.m. Visitation also for one hour prior to the service Friday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Previous Events

Rosary

NOV 8. 4:00 PM - 4:20 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
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Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

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NOV 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
705 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3523
<http://saintpatrickcf.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita L. Averill.*



November 04, 2018 at 07:17 PM

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“ *Our deepest sympathy to Rita's family and friends.*

St. Mary's High School Alumni - November 04, 2018 at 01:55 AM

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“ *As the oldest of the many Sears grandchildren, some of my earliest memories are of Aunt Rita and Uncle Ray. My parents use to vacation with them and they often lived near us in St. Charles. I remember listening to their opera records and trying to read the Italian words in the printed lyrics. As an adult, I came to appreciate her wit. She was not a woman who suffered fools easily and I learned that from her. She will live on in my heart and my memories.*

Julie K Eickmeier - November 03, 2018 at 06:08 AM

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“ *My prayers go out to Ray and family. Rita was an amazing woman. I loved coming in to take care of her and our conversations, if we weren't picking on each other we where tag teaming picking on Ray. I loved seeing her smile every day. I loved how she would interact with my son when I would bring him up to see everyone. There are no words to discribe Rita. She will be missed greatly.*

Allie Rippey - November 02, 2018 at 06:26 PM