



## Rita Walton

March 25, 1928 - July 21, 2013

Rita A. Herrity Walton (1928-2013)

CEDAR FALLS- Rita A. Walton, 85, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, died at Sartori Memorial Hospital on July 21, 2013 of natural causes.

Mrs. Walton was born March 25, 1928 in Clinton, Iowa, daughter of Dr. Thomas H. Herrity and Ruth (McClintock) Herrity. She married Donald R. Walton August 22, 1952 at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Clinton.

Mrs. Walton graduated from Saint Mary's High School in Clinton in 1946, received her Bachelor's degree from Saint Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa in 1951 and attended graduate school at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls. She held teaching positions with Lost Nation and Clinton Public School Systems as well as with University of Northern Iowa where she served as a mentor for student teachers in the Waterloo and Hudson Public Schools. She was also a homemaker and mother to five children. For over twenty-five years she served as a substitute teacher in both the public and parochial schools throughout the Cedar Valley area. Her Catholic faith, family and friends were the center of her life. She was active in the Rosary Society, Archdiocesan Council of Women, the Saint Patrick Church Prayer Chain and Craft Club. She was a frequent contributor to the Waterloo Courier's Letters to the Editor.

Survivors include her husband of Cedar Falls; two sons, Raymond (Jacqueline) Walton of Waterloo, IA and Thomas (Lori) Walton of Waukee, IA; three daughters, Ruthanne (Jon) Weispfenning of Minnesota City, MN, Regina (Wayde) Blumhardt of Waterloo, and Jacqueline (Jeffery) Jorgensen of Cedar Falls; fourteen beloved grandchildren: Michael (Lisa) Weispfenning of Washburn, WI, Katherine (Josh) Wittenberg of Saint Paul, MN, Joanna (Chris) McCord of Minneapolis, MN, and Daniel Weispfenning of Menomonie, WI, Christopher Walton of Cedar Falls, Kyle Walton of Waterloo, Kase Walton of Iowa City, IA, Sam and Jayne Blumhardt also of Iowa City, Benjamin, Zachary, and Timothy Jorgensen of Cedar Falls, and Nathan and Caroline Walton of Waukee. Mrs. Walton is also survived by two great grandsons, Calvin Michael and Roland James Weispfenning of Washburn, WI; and two brothers, Richard (Dee) Herrity and Gary (Jeannie) Herrity, both of Clinton, IA; and a sister, Barbara (Leo) Kemper of Anoka, MN.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Eugene (Florence) Herrity and James (Margret) Herrity and two sisters, Joan (Dave) Baumeister, and Carol Coryn.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. at Saint Patrick Catholic Church with burial in Greenwood Cemetery, both in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Richardson Funeral Service, where there will be a 4 p.m. Rosary and 7 p.m. Vigil Service. Visitation also for one hour prior to Mass, Wednesday at the church.

We have loved her during life. Let us not abandon her until we have conducted her by our prayers into the house of the Lord.

Memorials may be directed to Saint Patrick Catholic Church Social Concerns Committee, Columbus High School or Birthright, in lieu of flowers.



# Tribute Wall

RW

“ *Happy Birthday in heaven mom! I love you, Ruthanne*

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**Ruthanne Weispfenning** - March 25, 2014 at 06:40 AM

KM

“ *Rita you will be missed and never forgotten by the Meaney Family...*

*Prayers to the family....*

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**kay meaney** - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

JF

“ I just found out that Aunt Rita passed away yesterday, July 21. Dave Baumierster told me on facebook, I was really sad to hear this news. I often thought of Rita and all of the Walton's, we had such wonderful times at the Walton house with all of the kids, it was a place I always felt welcomed and loved! I am a grandmother now to 2 grandson's Kurt who will be 14 on Aug 7th, and Isaac just turned 9 on June 26th and I had my first granddaughter on Feb 23rd, her name is Alexia Grace. Isaac and Alexia are my son Adam's, he is going to be 29 on Sept 11th, and Amanda has Kurt and she just turned 30 on May 14th and Zach has no children and he will be 26 on Sept 22nd, I will be 49 on July 27th. Its sad so many years have gone by since I have seen anyone, we have lost many since I last spoke to you all, Mom (Carol), Paul and John, its been a rough road but I know, all of our loved one's including Rita now, are in Heaven with God, awaiting the day until we will all be together again, I can only imagine the celebration they are having there now, especially with Rita's arrival, she was always a wonderful happy person and her smile I am sure is one that everyone was waiting to see again! She will be missed greatly but will remain in all of the hearts of the people and lives she touched. God Bless to the entire family. I work daily so I may not be able to make the funeral but I wanted to let you all know how very sorry I was to hear Aunt Rita had passed and let you all know your in our thoughts and prayers! Love, Joan aka Joanie and the kids.

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**Joan Marie Coryn-Vargas and Family** - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

EM

“ The Leahys and Waltons have been friends for many years especially thru St Pat's and Columbus. Prayers and sympathy to Don, Ruthanne, Regina and family.

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**Eileen Leahy McFee** - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

LJ

“ Just heard about your Mother. I am so sorry and thinking of you all. Jacque, so glad you have siblings to help you through.

Love to you,  
Lora, Danny & Ellie Jorgensen

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**Lora Mitchell Jorgensen** - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

KW

“ Regina - I am deeply saddened by the news of the passing of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. Kris

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**Kris Jamerson Wahl** - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

MB

“ Gina and family, John and I are in Maryland and just saw your mom's notice in the Courier on line. We're so very sorry for your loss. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Please extend our deepest sympathy to your dad and your entire family. Mo Beckman

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**Maureen Beckman** - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

LC

“ Regina and Wayde, Tom and family- So very sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. Hold tight to each other and of special memories to get through this difficult time.

-Linda Crisman

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**Linda Crisman** - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM



“ Jackie, I am so sorry for your loss. You & your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Laura Kress*

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**Laura Kress** - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM



“ Our prayers and deepest sympathy to the Walton family.

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July 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM