



Gladys Sanders Merklin

October 17, 1913 - August 15, 2018

Gladys Merklin, 104, of Iowa Falls, passed away Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at Scenic Manor. Funeral services will be 10:30 am Monday, August 20, 2018 at the First Christian Church in Iowa Falls. Burial will be at the Jackson Township Cemetery, rural Owasa. Visitation will be from 9:30 am until service time on Monday at the church. Woodley Funeral Home, LLC of Iowa Falls is caring for Gladys and her family.

Gladys Marie Sanders Merklin was born on October 17, 1913 on a farm south of Iowa Falls, Iowa to Earnest and Clare (Hayden) Frisbie. She graduated from Iowa Falls High School and attended Ellsworth Community College and UNI. In 1935 she was united in marriage to Lee Sanders at the home of her parents. To this union three children were born: Arthur Lee, Shirley Ina and Peggy Adell. Lee passed away in 1975. Gladys later married James Merklin in 1987.

Gladys was a teacher for twenty five years, beginning her career at Eagle City rural school. She then taught at various schools throughout Hardin County. She was active in the First Christian Church, serving on numerous committees. Gladys was a member of the Edgewood board for many years. She loved to play Bridge and enjoyed traveling.

Gladys Sanders Merklin is survived by her son, Arthur (Karolyn) Sanders of

Hartford, Wisconsin; her daughters, Shirley (Gene) Harms of Baraboo, Wisconsin and Peggy (Ike) Rooks of Eldora, Iowa; step-sons, Tom Merklin and Dan (Darlene) Merklin of Iowa Falls, Iowa; seven grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands and two brothers, Kenneth Frisbie and Marion Hayden.

Cemetery Details

Jackson Township Cemetery

Owasa, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 20. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

First Christian Church
221 Fischer Avenue
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Service

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ My deep condolences to the Sanders and Merklin families on the loss of this beloved and beautiful woman. I knew her as Mrs. Sanders. She was my 4th and 5th grade teacher in Owasa. On the occasion of her 100th birthday, I had the opportunity to let her know of the impact she had on my education and life. She made me want to learn more and made learning fun for us. I loved going to school because of her. I also loved her warm smile, her dresses and her hair!

It was with great sadness that I learned of her passing. May she be in peace.

Sincerely, Dianna Baker Hoye

Dianna Baker Hoye - August 30, 2018 at 11:21 PM

FC

“ From your friends in art clas. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gladys Sanders Merklin.



From your friends in art clas. - August 18, 2018 at 12:46 PM

AA

“ I wasn't acquainted with Gladys Merklin personally, but, by marriage, I am related to her daughter Peggy and that is enough for me to know that a wonderful person she was. Both through the way Peggy talked about her mother and through Peggy herself, the product of some obviously fine mothering, I felt I knew Gladys a bit. I can imagine how she will be missed. My love and my heart are full of her family at this moment of her passing. How blessed you all must have been by her long and active life.

Ann Armstrong, cousin of Ike Rooks, Peggy's husband.

Ann Armstrong - August 18, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Gladys Sanders Merklin.



August 18, 2018 at 10:25 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Gladys Sanders Merklin.



August 17, 2018 at 04:12 PM


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“ *She was a very special lady and she had such an impact on so many peoples lives. I always enjoyed spending time with her and also enjoyed hearing family stories from when she and my father were children. She will be greatly missed!* ”

Theone Emslie - August 17, 2018 at 03:10 PM

RS

“ *Russell and Nickey Sprung purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Gladys Sanders Merklin.* ”



Russell and Nickey Sprung - August 17, 2018 at 12:24 PM

LE

“ *Love, Emme, Bracie, Graham and Eloise purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gladys Sanders Merklin.* ”



Love, Emme, Bracie, Graham and Eloise - August 16, 2018 at 06:35 PM

JL

“ *Gladys was a beautiful, gracious lady. I enjoyed golfing with her.* ”



jo lamar - August 16, 2018 at 04:45 PM

DP

Gladys was a wonderful neighbor and friend. Hugs and love to her family.

Darlene Polzin - August 16, 2018 at 06:57 PM

AK

Gladys was one of the best neighbors my Grandma Watson had. She treated us like we were part of her family. She was a sweetie and a dear friend at Cedar Ridge as well. She will greatly be missed. -My prayers are with you. - Ann Kness

Ann E Kness - August 16, 2018 at 10:29 PM