

Harriet Louise Savage Rudkin



Harriet Louise Savage Rudkin passed away on April 13, 2012, at Solari Hospice in Houston, Texas. Louise was 80 years old and had been living in Friendswood, Texas, since 2006.

Services will be held at the Friends Church in Lynnville, Iowa, on April 21, 2012. Visitation with the family will begin at 1 p.m. followed by the service at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, and a reception at the church. Pastor Doug Smiley will officiate the service. Pallbearers will be: son-in-law Joe Miniot, grandsons

Ryan and Daniel Miniot, and nephews John Bailey, Kent Bailey, and Richard Bailey. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, Iowa.

Louise was born Sept. 20, 1931, in Lynnville, Iowa, to Mabel Louise Scull Savage and Harry Litton Savage. She lived in Lynnville until the 6th grade when her family, including younger sister Janice, moved to Des Moines. She graduated from North High School in 1950. Although she spent her formative years in Des Moines, Louise always considered Lynnville her hometown. The community represented a place where she had numerous relatives and felt loved and protected. Her early upbringing in the Friends Church in Lynnville instilled in her a lifelong commitment to service and a concern for the disadvantaged.

After high school graduation, Louise worked for one year to save money for college and then enrolled at the University of Iowa. She graduated from UI in 1955 with a Journalism degree. While in college, she served on the University Women's Association Orientation Council and the Currier Hall Executive Council and was copy editor of the Hawkeye yearbook. She was inducted into Mortar Board honorary leadership organization and Theta Sigma Phi women's honorary professional journalism association.

Louise married John (Jack) Alexander Rudkin in August 1955, in Des Moines, Iowa. The couple lived and worked in Davenport, Iowa, for several years before moving to Webster City, Iowa, in 1966. Louise was an active and engaged member of the Webster City community for many years. She taught journalism at the local high school in the 1970s and was family page editor of The Daily Freeman Journal from 1977 to 1984. As editor, she received recognition from the Iowa Press Association for her feature reporting. She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, PEO, and the League of Women Voters. In 1984 Louise and Jack moved to Coralville, Iowa, and Louise worked in Student Affairs at the UI School of Medicine. Jack passed away in 1992 and Louise remained in Coralville, retiring in 1996. She returned to Webster City after retirement and again became engaged in community activities. She volunteered as a reading tutor in the elementary school and as a respite volunteer for Hamilton County Hospice. She participated in Church Circle, PEO, and the Kendall Young Library Book Club.

Louise was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt and is survived by: her children Warren Rudkin (and wife Shannon Rudkin) of Thornton, Colo., Laura Rudkin Miniot (and husband Joe Miniot) of Friendswood, Texas, and Diane Rudkin of Friendswood, Texas; grandchildren Ryan Miniot of San Antonio, Texas, and Daniel Miniot of Friendswood, Texas, and Michael, Gabrielle, Madison, and Peighton Miyasaki of Thornton, Colo.; sister Janice Savage Bailey of Tucson, Ariz.; and loving nephews, niece, and many cousins. Louise was preceded in death by: her husband Jack Rudkin; parents Mabel and Harry Savage; sister Gloria; and son Paul.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to Kendall Young Library at 1201 Willson Ave., Webster City, Iowa, 50595.

Louise Savage Rudkin

Louise Savage Rudkin, 80, of Friendswood, Texas, and formerly of Lynnville, died on Friday, April 13, 2012, at the Solari Hospice in Houston, Texas.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 21, at the Lynnville Friends Church. Interment will be in the Friends Cemetery, north of Lynnville.

The family will be present at the church one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to the Kendall Young Library in Webster City, Iowa.

The Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell is handling arrangements.

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