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Marjorie Stewart



Marjorie Stewart, age 90, of Gilman, Iowa, died Saturday, September 29, 2018, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center in Grinnell.

A visitation was held on Wednesday, October 3, 2018, from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., with family present from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home, in Grinnell. No services are scheduled.

Marjorie Vivian Dannen Stewart was born on March 23, 1928, to John and Frieda Dannen, in Laurel, Iowa. She graduated from Rhodes High School. She then married Robert L. Stewart on December 4, 1946, in Marshalltown, Iowa, where they resided briefly before moving to Gilman, Iowa. In 1954 they moved to Port Angeles, Washington, but returned to Gilman in 1963, where they were truly at home. Through those early years they had three children: Paula, Janine, and Lee Ann.

Marjorie's mastery of details made her a natural as the Superintendent's secretary at SEMCO high school, and later as the manager of Cissy's Convenience store in Gilman. Additionally known as an excellent cook, she was popular for the food served at Bob's, the tavern owned by her husband.

Marjorie's skill shined in her lifelong affinity for card games, especially bridge. She achieved the rank of Regional Master through her membership in the American Contract Bridge League, and was a long-time member of the Marshall Duplicate Bridge Club. She thoroughly enjoyed the members of the club, and always looked forward to their weekly meetings.

Marjorie always had a positive, good-natured approach to life, which she shared cheerfully with her family. Primary among many family traditions was their Sunday morning brunch, featuring Marjorie's remarkable pancakes. She also enjoyed reading, and watching college basketball, especially the Iowa State Cyclones. In the summer, she loved watching the St. Louis Cardinals baseball games. She was a member of the Gilman Ladies American Legion Auxiliary, and the Marshalltown Women's Legion Golf Association. In later years Marjorie enjoyed traveling with her daughters, with trips to Washington state, Louisiana, and Minnesota among the highlights.

Marjorie is survived by her children: Paula (Dennis) Weaver, of Gilman, Janine (Kim) Muckler, of Ames, Iowa, and Lee Ann (Paul) Ainley of Gilman; four grandchildren: Jacie (Todd) Collum, of Maple Park, Ill., Todd (Stephanie) Weaver, of Gilman, Adam (Abbie) Muckler, of Minneapolis, Minn., and Beth Muckler, of Chicago, Ill.; seven great-grandchildren; two siblings: Jo Ann (Lloyd) Varnum, and Chuck (Rita) Dannen; and sister-in-laws: Alberta Coleman, and Norma Dannen.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Freida Dannen; her husband Robert; and her siblings, Jake, Lloyd, Leonard, George, Max, and Jerry.