



Charlotte Marie Kitzman

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Charlotte Kitzman, 85, of Oskaloosa passed away Monday, November 21, 2016, at the MHP Hospice Services Serenity House in Oskaloosa. Charlotte Marie Kitzman was born on October 14, 1931, in Davenport, Iowa to Ole and Antonea (Johnsen) Iversen. She was the sixth of seven children; she had five sisters and one brother. Charlotte was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Davenport and talked fondly of her friends and church activities as a teenager. She graduated from Davenport High School in 1949 and worked at the Annie Wittenmeyer Home as a bookkeeper. Charlotte met John W. Kitzman, originally from What Cheer, IA, when he rented an apartment across the street from the Iversen home. The two were married on December 22, 1951, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Davenport. They made their home in Davenport until John was drafted and entered the Army in 1953. Upon his discharge, the couple returned to south-central Iowa, where they farmed near Barnes City, Delta, Lancaster, and in the Sigourney area. The couple celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2001, and in 2003 they built a home in Oskaloosa, where they retired. Charlotte and John were active members of Hope Lutheran Church in Sigourney, and they were instrumental in building the church there. Prior to that, they were members of the Hedrick Lutheran church. Over the years, Charlotte served as church treasurer, taught Sunday School, led Luther League, sang in the choir and served in various other capacities, particularly enjoying women's groups and activities. Most recently, she and John were members of St. John Lutheran Church in Oskaloosa. Charlotte's faith was always the center of her life. John and Charlotte were parents of two sons, John William Kitzman II (Jack) and Steven Scott Kitzman. Jack and Pat Joachim Kitzman live in Oskaloosa, IA, and Steve and Jennifer Kitzman live in Gilman, IA. Beloved grandchildren include Alissa Kitzman, Fairfield, IA; Katie Kitzman Schutjer (and Derek Schutjer), Wesley, IA; Tyler Kitzman, Dover, DE, Jessica Kitzman, Clifton, NJ; and Blane Kitzman, Gilman, IA. Flowers and flower arranging were a favorite past-time for Charlotte—her flower beds were especially lovely and well-tended, and her arrangements at church, for weddings, and gifts were exquisite. She worked for a period of time at a flower shop in Sigourney. Keeping up with their grandchildren's school, athletic and music activities was a major pastime for John and Charlotte. The couple also enjoyed travelling to Hawaii, Alaska, and Europe. John Kitzman died in 2009. In addition to her

parents, Charlotte was preceded in death by her siblings: Laurence Knack, Christine Nickerson, Andrea Watkins, Anna Allen, John Iversen, and Maxine Buttrick. Prior to their deaths, Charlotte took special care of her sisters, Christine and Andrea. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, November 25, 2016, at Hope Lutheran Church in Sigourney with Rev. Richard Meyer and Rev. Sam Beltz officiating. Burial will be in Garrett Cemetery in Keokuk County. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Wednesday, November 23, at Garland-Van Arkel-Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will be present from 3-6 p.m. to greet visitors. Memorials may be made to Hope Lutheran Church (Sigourney), St. John Lutheran Church (Oskaloosa), MHP Serenity House (Oskaloosa), or the Alzheimer's Association. Memories and condolences may be sent to the family by visiting the online guestbook at gvlfuneralchapel.com.

Comments



“ Jack - You have our sincere condolences at the loss of your mother. Knowing she is now at peace and memories will comfort you for the days to come. Tell Pat hello. She will always be a forever friend to me. God bless you!

Karen Reynolds - November 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Charlotte was so lovely to me when I was a little girl. She was such a lady..and carried herself with a certain dignity and grace. I loved all the beautiful flowers she made for my family over the years. She will be missed and remembered always.

Laurie Joachim - November 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ To my cousins Jack, Steve and their families I send my deepest sympathy. Aunt Charlotte was the kindest and sweetest person. Her deep faith, love for her family, and compassion for others are the things I remember most about her! She is at peace now and with the love of her life uncle John. God bless you all! Melinda and Frank Paul

Melinda Paul - November 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ We have fond memories of John and Charlotte's friendship as our neighbors on Fairview Drive. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Walter and Mary Lou Cubit - November 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Jack, Pat, Steve, Jennifer, & Children Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. I have really enjoyed your Mom, Grandma and my Aunt. Aunt Charlotte and I had a lot of great conversations over the phone, I have really missed hearing her voice over the last year. After loosing Mom Aunt Charlotte offered a lot of support in our conversations. Aunt Charlotte was the sweetest lady and a great Aunt. She always talked so highly of your families and how proud she was of you and your children. May time ease the pain in your hearts. Your cousins Kirk & Anna Bretz Hokanson

Anna Hokanson - November 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

Garland - November 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM