



Elaine A. Lafrenz

May 31, 1922 - September 18, 2010

Elaine A. Lafrenz: Elaine passed away Saturday evening at the Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, Missouri at the age of 88 years, 3 months and 18 days.

Elaine's family includes her two daughters: Cynthia K. (Dwight) Miller of Harrison, AR; and Brenda J. Crane of State Center, IA; three sons: James L. (Fonda) Lafrenz of Hiawatha, KS; David E. (Karen) Lafrenz of Columbia, MO; and Nile K. Lafrenz of St. George, UT; ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Elaine Anna Lafrenz, daughter of Martin George and Martha Sophia Borchert Maas was born May 31, 1922 in Scribner, Nebraska. She was a 1939 graduate of Scribner High School. After graduation she was employed as a secretary at Rath Packing in Waterloo, Iowa. She married Harry Jr. Lafrenz, on June 12, 1942 in Waterloo, Iowa. They began their life together in Hudson, Iowa and subsequently moved to the west coast, Des Moines, Cedar Falls, back to Hudson, then to Mesa, Arizona and finally in 1971 to Oskaloosa, where Harry was employed with J.P. Summers Chevrolet/Buick. In 1972 they purchased the dealership which became Lafrenz Motors. Elaine worked as a secretary for Clow Valve Company. Harry passed away in 2002 and Elaine continued her ownership of the dealership until 2005 when the business was sold. At that time Elaine moved to Harrison, Arkansas to be near her daughter. She resided there until February of 2010 when she moved to Columbia to be near family.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Oskaloosa. She enjoyed spending time with her family, playing golf, Mahaska State Bank Ladies Investment Club, and her friends coffee group.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, Jean Ann Lafrenz; a grandson, Adam Lafrenz; a great granddaughter, Courtney Ann Simon; brothers and sisters: Ewald Maas, Roma Samland, Waldemar Maas, Irene Stowell, Dale Maas.

Tribute Wall



“ Elaine A. Lafrenz

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