

## Hendershott, Marjorie Owen 2013

Marjorie (Holmes) Owen Hendershott, 89, passed away surrounded by her family at The Village in Indianola on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, November 23, at 2 p.m. at The Village in Indianola. Marjorie's desire was to be cremated and interred beside Lowell at Hawleyville Cemetery in southwest Iowa and the interment will occur in the spring.

Marjorie was born on August 4, 1924, in Council Bluffs, IA, the daughter of Clarence and Mary (Henshaw) Holmes. She married Lowell L. Owen in 1941 and together they had four children. During their married lives, Lowell and Marjorie lived in several towns throughout Iowa, including Essex, Red Oak, Storm Lake, Arnolds Park, Harlan, and Adel.

With Lowell, Marjorie began her lifelong hobby of numismatics (coin collecting). She became the first female President of the Central States Numismatic Society and was also named a Numismatic Ambassador. Through numismatics, Lowell and Marjorie made many lifelong friends. Lowell passed away in 1976.

In 1983, Marjorie married Robert L. Hendershott, whom she met through their mutual hobby of numismatics. They enjoyed traveling, both in the United States and around the world. Robert and Marjorie lived in Clearwater, FL and Jefferson City, MO before moving to Indianola, IA to be near family. Robert preceded Marjorie in death in 2004. Marjorie was also preceded in death by her sister Avis Cobb, as well as her parents. Marjorie enjoyed life to the fullest. She loved to travel, spend time with family and friends, and sing. She had a wicked sense of humor and enjoyed laughing with a true hearty belly laugh. One of the last stories she told her grandchildren was how she had met their grandfather. They met on the sidewalk in downtown Shenandoah, IA. Lowell and his friend asked Marjorie and her friend to go to a movie with them and they went. Why? Because he was cute and had a car! She laughed at that, like, of course, that is why any young woman in the early 40's dated a man.

Marjorie was an amazing woman. When she decided she was going to do something, she did it with gusto. For example, she and Lowell fell in love just before World War II started. Before Lowell went to war, Marjorie left school and they were married. Marjorie regretted not completing her high school education, so when her youngest son, James, graduated from high school in 1976, Marjorie decided to pursue her G.E.D. She took the tests and completed the entire series in four days!

Marjorie will be lovingly remembered by her daughters, Phyllis O. Pratt of Des Moines, IA and Judith (Tom) Nyemaster of Olathe, KS; sons, John Owen (Carol Perron) of Newton, IA and James Owen of Silver City, NM. She will also be greatly missed by her grandchildren, Betsy Pratt (Alan Asay), Melissa (Jim) Crawford, Suzie Pratt Oddy, Aaron (Kathleen) Owen, Heather (Doug) Richards, Jon (Wendy) Nyemaster and Nicole (Casey) Hunter and ten great-grandchildren.

Marjorie's family would like to thank the staff of The Village for the many years of care they provided to Marjorie as a resident and to the compassion extended to the family at the time of her illness and passing.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations may be made to The Good Shepherd Fund at the Village in Indianola or to the American Red Cross of the Quad Cities Area, Moline, IL.

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