



Doris Irene Heslinga

June 10, 2020 - October 17, 2020

Doris Irene (Hasty) Heslinga

Doris Irene Heslinga, age 96, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, left this earth on Friday, October 16, 2020. She was born June 10, 1924, on the family farm near Indianapolis, Iowa. She moved to Oskaloosa to attend high school and graduated in 1941.

Following high school, Doris attended Simpson College. She later attended the University of Colorado and graduated with a degree in Education. Doris started teaching in 1971 in Fremont, Iowa. After receiving her Master's Degree, she went to work for Albia Schools as librarian until retiring in 1989.

Doris was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Oskaloosa, the League of Women Voters, D.A.R. and a Book Club. She enjoyed doing activities with her different groups, attending church, reading, and the mountains in Colorado. She was an avid walker and enjoyed the William Penn track where she walked regularly. She was a wonderful grandma.

Doris is survived by son Mark Heslinga and wife Kathleen Casey (Salem, OR), daughter Jane Heslinga (West Des Moines), grandson Beau Heslinga (Brooklyn, N.Y.) and granddaughter Anna Heslinga (Salem, Oregon).

Doris was preceded in death by her parents Cecil and Ruby Hasty, sister Berdine Petersen, cousin Beryle Jean Duncan, aunt Opal Reasoner, and many friends.

Doris will rest beside her parents in Indianapolis Cemetery west of What Cheer, Iowa. A graveside service will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Indianapolis Cemetery near What Cheer, Iowa, with pastor Bob Elgin officiating. According to the rules put in place by the Iowa Department of Public Health, proper social distancing and reasonable personal protective equipment is advised for attending a religious public event. Bates Funeral Chapel in Oskaloosa is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery

Indianapolis Cemetery

near What Cheer

IA, 50268

Events

OCT **Graveside Service** 02:00PM

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near What Cheer, IA, US, 50268

Comments



“ I truly enjoyed knowing my Aunt Doris. Even though I lived in Utah and she in Iowa, I was able to visit her several times.

Somewhere in the 1990's, I was able to bring my three sons (then in their teens) to get a taste of their Iowa heritage. Aunt Doris showed us around the area where she and my mom Berdine grew up in What Cheer. My sons were able to stand next to corn taller than they were (and they were all over six feet!). We even got to attend the Mahaska county fair that summer!

Somewhere in the 2000's, I was able to visit her in her lovely brick home on Hillcrest Drive. She and I enjoyed watching the squirrels and rabbits in her gorgeous backyard and walking at the university track. We never seemed to lack for things to chat about!

In 2015, I was able to spend the weekend with Aunt Doris as I moved from Utah to Florida. We enjoyed watching old Lawrence Welk reruns and eating too many ice cream sundaes with too much chocolate sauce. After I arrived in Florida, Aunt Doris always worried about me every time she saw a Florida hurricane on the news. She'd call me or I'd call her so she knew I was OK.

I always admired my Aunt Doris for going back to school to get her Masters and become a librarian later in life. I considered her a woman of strength and character who enriched my life by the example she set. I miss her!

Jill Boogaard - November 12, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ Randy,Debbie,Andrea N Austin Duncan lit a candle in memory of Doris Irene Heslinga



Randy,Debbie,Andrea n Austin Duncan - October 21, 2020 at 10:00 PM



“ Nancy Fribley has many cherished memories, taking her ice cream or a flower, many visits, many phone calls back and forth. Notes. When she could no longer write Nancy, she would phone. Peter, as pastor, also recalls quiet pastoral visits with this lovely, quiet woman.

Peter Fribley - October 20, 2020 at 11:06 PM



“ As Interim Pastor, I just want to express my condolences to the Heslinga family. I made phone calls to Doris along with the other interims who have served here and Barb Johnson often visited and prayed with her. In fact, the day before she passed, Barb prayed with her in her room. We thank God for the years Doris worshipped and served at the First Presbyterian Church. May heavenly joy be hers having lived her life in faith. God bless you all! Pastor John White

John White - October 19, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ Condolences to all of Doris's family. Ramona & I certainly miss our visits with Doris with the Covid-19 restrictions.

Jerry Reese - October 21, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ Cindy Mott lit a candle in memory of Doris Irene Heslinga



Cindy Mott - October 19, 2020 at 03:07 PM