



Anita Davis

December 9, 1920 - April 2, 2019

Anita P. Davis, age 98, of Ainsworth, Iowa, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at the United Presbyterian Home in Washington.

Celebration of life services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 6, 2019, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Muscatine, Iowa with Pastor Mark Pries officiating. Calling hours will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2019, at the Jones & Eden Funeral Home where the family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Interment will be held at Greenwood Cemetery in Muscatine. Memorials have been established for the Ainsworth Opera House, Zion Lutheran Church and the Cotter Presbyterian Church. Online condolences may be sent for Anita's family through the web at www.jonesfh.com

Anita was born December 9, 1920, on the family farm in Muscatine, Iowa, the daughter of Chris and Hilda (Dammann) Stange. She graduated from Muscatine High School in 1938. Anita attended Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa and the Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, Iowa. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Iowa. Anita was united in marriage to Burdette Davis on February 21, 1952.

Anita resided in the Ainsworth Community all of her married life. She was a teacher at Clearview Country School in Muscatine and Garfield Elementary School in Muscatine. Anita taught grade school at Cotter and later taught special education at Cotter, retiring in 1979. She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Muscatine and a faithful attendee at Cotter Presbyterian Church in Cotter. Anita was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, the County Line Neighborhood Club, Hobby Club and Cotter Guild. She enjoyed growing and tending to her flowers and loved to attend the Louisa County Fair. Anita was a member of the Artists in Action and enjoyed painting wall hangings and cards that she shared with family and friends, knitting and clay sculptures. She wrote two children's books and read to school groups for many years. Anita was active in the initiative for the remodeling of the Ainsworth Opera House and supported the annual events.

She is survived by her son, Robert Davis and wife Lori of Columbus Junction, IA; son, Dr.

Randall Davis and wife Cindy of Colleyville, TX; grandson, Jeremy Davis of Cedar Falls, IA; granddaughter, Ashley Davis of Silvis, IL; step-grandson, Rob Lovick and wife Dena of Highland Village, TX; step-grandson, Tim Lovick of Corinth, TX; step-great-granddaughter, Megan Lovick of Princeton, TX; step-great-granddaughter, Sydney Lovick of Corinth, TX; step-great-granddaughter, Peyton Lovick of Highland Village, TX; step-great-grandson, Holden Lovick of Princeton, TX; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Burdette in 1999; and siblings: June Pries, Don Stange and Ray Stange.

Cemetery

Greenwood Cemetery

Muscatine, IA,

Events

APR 5 **Calling Hours** 03:00PM - 08:00PM

Jones - Eden Funeral Home

116 East Main, Washington, IA, US, 52353

APR 5 **Family Receiving Friends** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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APR 6 **Celebration of Life** 10:30AM

Zion Lutheran Church

Muscatine, IA, US

Comments



“ I am lucky to have met and connected with Anita Davis who was such a genuinely kind, lively, talented, artistic, **GENEROUS**, and interesting lady. Anita retained a childlike view of life in a small town where she bloomed just as lovely as the flowers in her beautiful garden. She was smart and sharp as a tack. Anita inspired me with her ongoing interest in life when many (most) people become self-centered as age overtakes them. It's understandable, because age brings bigger and bigger challenges that often reroute our best intentions to remain involved in the lives of others. I didn't see that happening to Anita who, in my opinion, was remarkably special. I learned valuable pointers from Anita about a life well-lived, which I hope to remember for the rest of my life. I recall her sitting on the floor with me when she was in her mid 90s to show me pictures as she narrated explanations and knowledge of my heritage since I, also a Davis, am related to her husband. She hopped up onto her feet more sprightly than I did!!! I imagine stunning fields of daffodils that lined her path into eternity. More than anything, I aspire to attain that ability she had of seeing the world with child-like eyes, full of fresh wonder at the constant miracles on this masterpiece we call Earth. Suzee (Davis) Branch from Montana

Suzee Davis Branch - April 06 at 12:19 PM



“ Bobby and Randy, What a special Mother you had! She was so kind, talented and soft spoken! Very sorry for your loss I know she will be missed by your whole family and those who were close around her. Condolences, Ray and Sally Buser

sally buser - April 05 at 12:07 PM



“ Jeff Hauenstein lit a candle in memory of Anita Davis



Jeff Hauenstein - April 05 at 11:30 AM



“ Kelly and Julie McCarty purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Anita Davis.



Kelly and Julie McCarty - April 05 at 11:09 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Anita Davis.



April 05 at 09:06 AM



“ Anita was such a talented and thoughtful mother and grandmother. Our library has been enriched with many book additions from Grandma Anita, including her own published work.

We all enjoyed the wonderful letters Anita would mail to us. Hand written letters have become a lost art but Anita introduced to our children and faithfully wrote to them.

The girls would always be excited to receive a hand written note from Grandma Anita in the mail. It was like Christmas! Usually on one of her beautifully hand painted cards. I also have some of these treasured cards left and will be kept to share with future generations in our family.

Anita never forgot the dogs either!! She was always kind to offer a hand sewn special Christmas blanket. What couldn't she do?

Truly a special lady and she will be remembered with much love!

Dena

Dena Lovick - April 04 at 07:00 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Anita Davis.



April 04 at 06:42 PM



“ Mark & Laura Karwal purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Anita Davis.



Mark & Laura Karwal - April 04 at 04:21 PM



“ Bobby, Randy. and family. Our heart felt love on the peaceful passing of Anita. There are so many years of precious memories of Anita. My favorite is of her reading her book at church.

Prayers for much love and peace as you all remember her.

Howard, & Elsie Jones

Jane Jones Peck, Jason Peck and family.

We will not be able to be with you, but we will be with you in spirit.

Jane Peck - April 04 at 04:18 PM



“ Bobby, Lori, Randy, Cindy and all of your families,

We are all so sorry to hear of your loss and please know that we are thinking of you all during this sad time.

Miss Anita was certainly blessed with tremendous creative talents that she so lovingly shared with all who were fortunate to cross her path.

Our parents often talked about the craft shows, cards and books that she created along with her exquisite love of gardening and flowers.

Treasure all of the fond memories in your hearts and with the love and support of your family and friends we pray that you will be lifted in His Peace.

With our deepest sympathy and love, Julie Clegg Lancaster, Grapevine, Texas on behalf of the James and Shirley Clegg Family.

Julie Clegg Lancaster - April 04 at 12:50 PM



“ Love, Steve and Julie Banta purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Anita Davis.



Love, Steve and Julie Banta - April 04 at 10:39 AM



“ Marcy and John Lovick purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Anita Davis.



Marcy and John Lovick - April 03 at 10:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anita Davis.



April 03 at 09:53 PM



“ Anita was so so special. I too was going to visit her and waited too long. Loved our visits. She was always interested in the Opera House and How our kids were doing. Such a treasured neighbor who would share her flowers and gardening tips. I have a nativity set of bears that she gave me that hold a very special place in my heart. Will think of her everytime I get them out of the box. Loved visiting with her about her days of teaching and could visit with her about so many subjects. She was so easy to talk to and never said a negative word about anyone. She will be missed by so many people. She touched the heart of many many people. Thank you to God for sharing her with all of us as long as you did. HUGS TO ALL HER FAMILY WHICH SHE DEARLY LOVED AND TALKED ABOUT ALWAYS.
Sherrie, a neighbor

Sherrie Hazen - April 03 at 08:19 PM



“ Anita Davis, there was only one, she was full of the joy of life, she was so talented in so many ways, I treasure her hand painted cards that I have, may never send the ones I left now, we shared the love of beautiful gardens and dirt under our fingernails, we could talk for hours and still have things to say. The day she was crowned Queen for the Day and Grand Marshall for Ainsworth Fun Days was a memory I will cherish. She was truly loved by all of us that had the pleasure of her company. She will be missed by many. Sally Jo Scultz

Sally Jo - April 04 at 11:06 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Anita Davis.



April 03 at 05:59 PM



“ Gail & Sharon Niffenegger lit a candle in memory of Anita Davis



Gail & Sharon Niffenegger - April 03 at 05:19 PM



“ Gasil & Sharon Niffenegger lit a candle in memory of Anita Davis



Gasil & Sharon Niffenegger - April 03 at 05:17 PM



“ Anita was a very special lady and was so talented and friendly to all. I have many great memories being around her growing up at Cotter and through the church. We are sorry for your loss.

Judy and Tom murphy - April 03 at 03:33 PM



“ Anita was a remarkable lady. She would have a fund raiser at Farmers Market in Washington for Lending Hands for years. I loved her telling me about flowers and their different flowers. Every time I look at my obedient flowers I think of her. Bonnie Boshart

Bonnie - April 03 at 12:34 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Anita Davis.



April 03 at 09:05 AM



“ Anita was such a dear friend. I will miss her oh, so much. We had the best deep conversations. She was easy to laugh. And, oh so talented with flowers, knitting, sewing, painting, etc. Nothing she wouldn't try. Sunday we had a good afternoon of visiting, laughing, and solving the world's problems. Heaven gained a beautiful soul and her prayers of many years were indeed answered. Her love for her former students was extraordinary. Sunday when one of them called she was sure to tell them that she loved them. And they knew that it was true. She will be missed by many.
ginny

ginny schuerman - April 02 at 10:28 PM



“ I received the news of Anita today and it was so upsetting to hear. Anita and I became friends after meeting at a craft show in Ainsworth many years ago. She would always call me when she had several cat toys and quilts made, so I could come purchase them. I would then also end up leaving with scarves, hand-painted cards and the book she published. She was a very sweet and talented lady. A few

years ago, she handed me her basket of crafts and told me it was all mine now, I cried, but I took it over. I was just using the toys for my cats, but decided to do a show. Just 3 days ago, I had my first craft show with those crafts (the dog beds are still the ones she made). I spent all day telling people at the craft show about Anita. I was going to call and tell her how the show went, but I waited too long. My condolences to Bob, Randy and the rest of her family and friends. I will forever remember and miss Anita and I will make sure to keep bringing her flowers as I always did. ~Brandy

Brandy - April 02 at 08:38 PM



“ Thank you so much for your kind words, Brandy. This makes me so happy. I love that she inspired you to do a show. She loved doing shows so much. I always loved tagging along to help her at those shows and know they were such a big part of her. We all have a piece of her, and you have a very big piece of her to share with the world.

Love,

Ashley Davis (granddaughter)

Ashley - April 03 at 10:50 AM

“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Anita Davis.



April 02 at 06:35 PM