



## Margaret Rogers

February 2, 1926 - May 8, 2015

Margaret Stephens Rogers, age 89 of Albia, passed away on Friday, May 8, 2015, at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

Margaret was born February 2, 1926, to James and Martha (Fry) See in Tyrone, Iowa. She married Orval Stephens on January 22, 1945, in Albia. To this union, 6 children were born, George, Ray, Lois, Kay, Lee, and Judy. They shared 27 years of marriage before Orval passed away on September 3, 1972. Margaret later married Dow Rogers on July 30, 1977, in Albia. They shared 10 years of marriage prior to him passing away on September 4, 1987.

Margaret grew up and attended Lincoln School in Albia. She worked at Baxter Box Factory in Albia and waitressed at Cassie's Café. She then worked at Chamberlains in Albia and later at the Albia Manor.

Margaret was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was very talented and enjoyed sewing, quilting, and embroidering. She enjoyed reading and being outdoors doing things such as gardening vegetables and flowers. She enjoyed traveling with Dow and later with her daughters. Her true joy in life was spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her children, George (Marsha Driskell) Stephens of Albia, Ray (Carol) Stephens of Albia, Lois (Gene) Behrens of Albia, Kay (Frank) Miller of Albia, Lee (Christi) Stephens of Albia, and Judy (Kevin) Dunkin of Columbia, MO; 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Martha; her 2 husbands, Orval Stephens and Dow Rogers; a granddaughter, Connie Sue Stephens; a grandson, David Stephens; 3 sisters; 5 brothers; and a daughter-in-law, Diana Stephens.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at the Tharp Funeral

Home in Albia, with Pastor Nancy Reed officiating. Burial will follow services.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Monday, May 11, 2015 at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Margaret's family present from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

A memorial has been established to Welcome Home Soldier.

# Comments

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“ Lois, I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't know your mother, but I know you and that your heart is aching. As long as she is in your heart, she will never be gone.

Kathy Slofkosky - Knoxville, IA - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ My sympathies to the all of the families who have lost this very dear person. Although Margaret is related to me, I don't recall ever meeting her. Still, I felt as though I did know her as my dad (Eugene Lennie Sr.) and my aunt (May Kapka), (as well as other family members) always spoke so well of her. May she rest in peace.

Cheryl Bowden - Westfir, OR - 1st cousin, twice removed - May 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Grandma - A little bit mother, a whole lot friend. A wonderful and amazing woman, grandma was. She was the most incredible woman that I have ever been so lucky to know, and have as my own grandma, there wasn't another grandma that I would have picked out of all the grandma's in the world. I have felt so lucky to have her as a part of my life for so many years, and the lives of my children and my grandchildren. Grandma was always there, when you needed someone to talk to, when you just wanted to visit, when your heart was broken and you thought it would never mend, when you were happy and when you weren't. Every time you left grandmas, you always left with a heart full of love, and a full belly. Incredible is the word that best describes her. Her heart was enormous, as she loved all of us, each of us individually, and there are a lot of us to love. I don't know if there is anyone that has ever had so many talents and to do so many things with such perfection. A fantastic cook, a wonderful baker, an over the top quilt maker, there wasn't anything that I ever thought that she couldn't do. I am so thankful that I had her in my life, and that I had the opportunity to be loved so much by such a wonderful woman. You were a very special lady, grandma and I will miss more than words can say.

Love you more,  
Sandy

Sandy Carlson - Albia, IA - Granddaughter - May 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ I grew up with the family and loved Margaret as a second mother. I spent a lot of time at her house. Love and will miss you. See you in heaven.

**Carol Sickels Hansen - Slater, IA - Friend** - May 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ You may be gone, but will never be forgotten Aunt Marg. God gained one more Angel. We love you bunches.

**Mike and Patti See - Albia, IA - Family** - May 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest sympathies and condolences at this time.

**P.j. Ostermeyer - Albia, IA - neice** - May 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ I will never forget losing my own Mother (totally lost and you knew!) and you squeezed my hands; whispered in my ear: "Your Mother will never leave you; she is always near." Simple words to most, but they meant the world to me. Thank you Miss Margaret and your heart of GOLD! I am the so much better the person just for having known you and your kind heart..May your journey home bring you joy..Kay, Uncle Ray, George, Lee, Lois, and Judy; if I may share "Your Mother will never leave you: she is always near!" Now is your time to FLY sweetheart. God Bless!

**Julie Barnes - Albia, IA - friend** - May 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM