



Marcella Smith

November 30, 1909 - August 6, 2012

Marcella Smith, age 102 of Albia, passed away Monday, August 6, 2012 at Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

Marcella was born November 30, 1909 to William H. and Pearl (Smith) Henley. She married Clell O. Smith on May 10, 1940.

Marcella graduated from Albia High School, Class of 1928. She served 30 years as a member of the Albia Library Board. She was instrumental in the library giving service to Lovilia, Melrose and rural areas. In 1972 she was appointed to serve on the Executive Committee of the Iowa Library Trustees of the Iowa Library Association. She was president of the Albia Woman's Club in 1952 and 1953. She was a 50 year member of the Order of Eastern Star and a member of the Past Matron's Club. Marcella was an artist and has established many exhibits for local artists. She was the Coordinator for adult classes for Indian Hills College, and among the various classes, she made it possible for many to attend art and writing classes. She also arranged classes and exhibits for the handicapped. Marcella also wrote and published a book, "Confetti" for the youth of today to know what it was like to grow up at the beginning of the 20th century.

Marcella was a 50 year member of the First Christian Church. She served as President of the C.W.F. and spent many years as leader of youth groups. In

the fall of 1960, Smith was asked to organize a recreational program for the seniors of the church. The group became known as the Clipper Club and met for coffee once a month, then to monthly luncheons. It soon grew in number by inviting seniors of all churches, and then to all seniors interested in attending. After ten years of luncheons, parties, and many trips to special places, the Clipper Club was instrumental in developing into The Leisure Lounge.

Marcella is survived by many cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clell; her parents, William and Pearl Henley; a brother, Bill Henley; half-brothers, Orville "Red" and Theodore "Babe"; a half-sister, Blanche Kennedy; and a nephew, Patrick Henley.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m., Thursday, August 9, 2012 in Oak View Cemetery in Albia, with Pastor Lynda Carlson officiating. Immediately following the committal service, a memorial service will be held at the First Christian Church in Albia, with Pastor Lynda Carlson officiating.

Visitation will be 8-10 a.m., Thursday, August 9, 2012 at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia.

Memorials may be directed to the First Christian Church in Albia.

Tribute Wall



“ *Marcella Smith*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Marcella Smith*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *I have known Marcella all of my life, as my mother Frances Jane Seibert & her were dear friends. I remember visits to "Smitty's" as a child for those great Iowa tenderloins, even after we moved to Colorado--we visited it each time we came home to Albia. I will always treasure her visit to Arizona & taking her to "2" Chicago Cubs spring training games & my husband caught a foul ball for her, she was so thrilled & she loved visiting Sedona. It brought back several memories for her, that she shared with me of her & Clell's trips to Florida & Arizona; she felt good being back in the desert. I loved hearing her tell about her first trip to "Paris" @ 90 years young--her face would just light up! Marcella loved to watch the birds in her backyard, listen to the trains go by & for as long as she could at Christmas she would place "red ribbons" on the large spruce tree out front of her home in memory of loved ones that had went to heaven. God has received a bright, loving & beautiful new angel!*

Jane Craig - Laveen, AZ - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Marcella was my mentor and my friend. She was a classy lady who lived a long and colorful life. My condolences to her friends who made her last years so happy.*
Kathy

Kathy Elliott - Albia, IA - Friend - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *What a wonderful LADY, she will be missed. So happy, friendly and a little ornery at times. She and Clell were good friends with my grandparents Godfrey and with Mom and Dad. God rest her soul as the Saints of Heaven welcome her home!!*

Bill and Fran Magie - Polk City, IA - Family friend - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I have tons of fond, wonderful memories of Marcella over the years, but most importantly I will always remember that she told me each and every time I talked to her that she loved me. I will miss her, but I know she will shine in heaven because she has a beautiful heart and spirit. God blessed us with 102 years of Marcella's wit, knowledge, orneriness, and grace.*

Debi Reed - Albia, IA - friend since I was a child - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM