



Doris Allen

October 18, 1926 - April 3, 2020

Doris Evelyn (Couchman) Allen, age 93, of Corydon, Iowa, passed away on April 3, 2020 at Corydon Nursing and Rehab, with family by her side.

Doris was born in Iowa at her parent's home in Wayne County on October 18, 1926. Her parents were Virgil and Ora (McKee) Couchman. Doris graduated from Sewal High School in 1944 and worked as a typist in Des Moines until she married Charles Max Allen. They eloped and were married at their minister's home on December 28, 1946. Doris was later baptized in Sewal, IA.

Doris and Charles were married for 62 years and had three sons; Dennis Max, Ronald Mark, and Steven Don. They loved living on their farm, raising chickens, milking cows, and gardening. Doris belonged to the Harvard Garden Club for many years and she spent many hours crocheting and sewing hand-quilted quilts. Doris and Charles also went square dancing together. For many years Doris, Charles, and their three grown sons farmed together, working in the field and then working on the equipment!

Doris' grandchildren visited the farm often, where they knew they would always find snacks tucked in the metal bread box on the counter or a piece (or two) of cheese in the refrigerator. Doris was a great cook and baker. She kept the cookie jar full of homemade cookies for her sons. Doris and Charles hosted many Sunday lunches for the family. She also made sure the family got together every month to celebrate birthdays, where the grandkids would pile onto the little red leather rocking chair. During holidays Doris made her homemade noodles and had a stash of fudge, peanut clusters, and frosted sugar cookies in the bedroom. Fudgesicles and other ice cream treats were kept in the freezer for her much loved grandchildren to enjoy.

Doris has many family members left behind to remember her: sons Ronnie Allen (Jane) and Steve Allen (Larisa), and daughter-in-law Marcia Allen, 7 grandchildren: Angela Downs (Randy), Deanna Wiederholt (Vince), Melissa McAninch (Justin), Carissa Cox (Justin), Kevin Allen (Abby), Brent Allen (Cindy), and Jace Allen (Cassandra), 17 great

grandchildren: Mary Ann Downs (Brett), Zeb & Zach Nading, and Sydney Downs, Max Wiederholt, Morgan, Gabriella, and Tessa McAninch, Caden, Jordyn, and Carly Cox, Charles and Layla Allen, Parker, Hailey and Cohen Allen, and Sawyer Allen, one great great grandchild Deni Perkins, and sister-in-law Lorene Havner, as well as many extended family. Preceding her in death were parents Virgil and Ora, husband Charles, son Dennis, and brother and sister-in-law Keith and Carol Couchman.

Visitation will take place from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at Thomas Funeral Home in Corydon. Graveside service will take place at Shriver Cemetery where she will be laid to rest beside her husband Charles. Memorials may be given to Sewal Community Center and condolences may be shared at www.thomasfh.com or facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome.

She will be missed so very much!

Cemetery

Shriver Cemetery

Hwy J46 & Hwy S40

Corydon, IA, 50060

Events

APR **Visitation** 10:00AM - 05:00PM

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Thomas Funeral Homes - Corydon

303 E. Jefferson, Corydon, IA, US, 50060

Comments



“ Pretending I am there with you guys...So long ago we went to visit Grandpa Allen (Alpha Ray Allen) one week in the summer and right down the road Doris and Charles lived. On that Monday we got to spend with Aunt Doris and "help" wash clothes with (you guessed it) a hand cranked wringer washing machine. After Charles came in for dinner we cleared the table, put leftovers in the bucket on the porch and out we went to slop the hogs! I will never forget them. Sherry Havner

Sharon Dyer - April 07 at 04:49 PM



“ Over the years, Doris shared lunch and stories on several occasions. She filled us in on how the family was growing - who's wedding or new bundle of joy was on the way. She was so proud of the grandchildren and great grandkids and would share the latest photos of each when time allowed. She and Aunt Evelyn would talk or write each other especially on their birthdays. Her delightful smile and warm hug will stay with us. Love to all. Larry Don and Lillian Sell.

Lillian Sell - April 06 at 06:39 PM



“ A memory from years ago when my father passed away. When I arrived from Des Moines and entered our house Doris and Charles were already there taking care of my Mom. They were so special and she will be missed. Prayers for the family

Karen Hanson - April 06 at 03:47 PM



“ Deanna, Angela and family - I was blessed to meet your grandmother, but not enough to know her well. I've heard so much about her from Deanna that I know what a wonderful lady she was, and reading her story just made that feeling more solid. The pictures of her and Max are all delightful, she looks so happy for Deanna, Vince and Max. Deanna, I can see you being EXACTLY a grandma like her - which will please her AND your grandchildren!! May your memories of her give you all comfort, and the love you share with her bring you peace in the coming days. You will miss her immensely, but know that there is much rejoicing in Heaven with her arrival!



Gayle R Bond - April 05 at 02:22 AM



“ Such a dear sweetheart of a lady--she attended the care center church services and always had a smile on her face. May God give her family peace as you each remember all the wonderful things about her. She will be missed.

Pastor Diane Olson Schroeder - April 05 at 12:32 AM



“ wonderful lady and happy to be with Charles again Charles served on the Chariton Valley REC board with Bill and we always enjoyed their company Virgil and Janice Moore Melrose Iowa

Janice Moore - April 04 at 08:36 PM



“ Condolences to all the family, our relatives are all getting older, and reaching the time to meet the Lord, may she rest in peace.

Richard Couchman - April 04 at 04:19 PM



“ The Lord bless you and keep you ~
Numbers 6: 24-26



Joyce Milner - April 04 at 01:50 PM



“ So sorry for you loss Steve and family.

Janet Brown - April 05 at 09:08 AM



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(Sherry Havner).

Sharon Sherry Havner Dyer - April 07 at 12:16 PM