



Radene Riley

Radene C. Riley

July 3, 1922 - March 6, 2017

Born in South Dakota

Resided in Panora, IA

Obituary

Radene Riley, 94, of Panora/Des Moines, died March 6, 2017 at Lakeside Village, Panora. Services will be held Saturday, March 11 with visitation at 10:00 AM, followed by memorial at 11:00 AM at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1025 28th St., West Des Moines.

Radene grew up in Madison, SD, the eldest of five daughters of Laura Beecham and Cornelius Kraayenbrink. She married Harlan Riley 1941. They owned a Hardware store in Henry, SD before moving to Clark, SD to manage the Desnoyer Hardware. In 1961, the family purchased the Jack and Jill Grocery in Groton, SD and then moved to Edgeley, ND establishing another grocery.

They sold the store and moved to Des Moines. Radene unexpectedly started a day care. For the next 15 years, she became "Grandma" to many children. This experience was her proudest achievement.

Survivors include: her children Karen Sievers (James), Mike Heim (Gordon) and Kevin Riley; seven grandchildren Jeremy and Britt Sievers, Jason and Jennifer Heim, Kevin Jr., Christina and Christopher Riley; and 11+ great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by Harlan Riley, her brother Paul, sisters Carol Minneart, Jean Meier, Mavis Inhofer and Marlys Valberg.

Memorial donations can be given in her name to the Covenant Presbyterian-"Faith and Grace Garden" or Grace United Methodist, Des Moines-"Super Wednesday After-school Program".