

Regina A. Laird, age 97, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Thursday, May 29, 2014 at her home of 60 years in Storm Lake.

Regina Ann Spencer, the daughter of Howard and Eva (Bilger) Spencer, was born in Omaha, Nebraska on January 17, 1917. She lived her youth in Omaha and began her education at Center Park School. Regina was a 1934 graduate of North High School in Omaha.

On June 22, 1940, Regina was united in marriage to Delbert L. Laird at the Center Park Church in Omaha, Nebraska. Together, they were blessed with three children: Linda Jean, Cynthia Jane, and Douglas Spencer. Regina supported Delbert during World War II while he served his country in the United States Navy. In November, 1949, the Laird's came to make their home in Storm Lake. They began their business partnership with their best friend, Claude Thompson, where they owned and operated Thompson & Laird Moving and Storage Company. Regina served as vice-president and business manager for the company.

Regina was a member of Lakeside Presbyterian Church where she has served as an Elder, Clerk of the Session, Circle leader, and President of United Presbyterian Women (UPW). She also participated in P.E.O., Buena Vista County Democrats, sewing club, and CALEOMAZ. She enjoyed learning to play the violin as part of the Community Orchestra Class. She shared her love of learning by teaching adults to read and ESL students to understand American idioms and figurative language.

Regina's life is honored and celebrated by her family which include her children: Linda Laird of Norwalk, Iowa; Cynthia (Don) Maxey of Memphis, Tennessee; and Douglas (Christine) Laird of Lee's Summit, Missouri; grandchildren: Mike (Gwen) Ahrens of Parker, Colorado; Dan (Barb) Ahrens of Waukeg, Iowa; Nate (Julie) Ahrens of Longmont, Colorado; Katherine (David) Wolford of Fredericksburg, Virginia; Julia (Aaron) Cheney of Olathe, Kansas; Matt (Samantha) Gordon of West Des Moines, Iowa; Craig (Stephanie) Maxey of Houston, Texas; Matthew Laird of Silicon Valley, California; Spencer, MaKenna, and Sydney Laird of Lee's Summit, Missouri; great grandchildren: Topher and Elizabeth Ahrens of Parker, Colorado; Ashley Ahrens of Longmont, Colorado; Nichole Cheney of Olathe, Kansas; Sarah Ahrens of Longmont, Colorado; Emma Kate, Turner, and Caroline Maxey of Houston, Texas; and Melissa Cheney of Olathe, Kansas; other extended family and her many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Del Laird; her parents, Howard and Eva (Bilger) Spencer; and two sisters, Geraldine White and Marilyn Peterson.

Blessed be the memory of Regina Ann (Spencer) Laird.

In Loving Memory



Regina Ann Laird

1917 — 2014

Romans 12

"Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay," says the Lord. "But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for refreshments and a time of fellowship at the church immediately following the service.

— **The Family of Regina A. Laird**

IN MEMORY OF

Regina Ann Laird

January 17, 1917 — May 29, 2014

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, June 7, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

Lakeside Presbyterian Church — Storm Lake, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend Chuck Valenti-Hein

EULOGIST

Doug Laird

SPECIAL MUSIC

Deanna Larson — Organist

Melinda Coogan — Violinist

"Ave Maria"

Matthew Laird — Soloist

"On Eagle's Wings"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Faith Of Our Fathers"

"Abide With Me"

"Shalom to You" led by Craig Maxey

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Mike Ahrens, Dan Ahrens, Nate Ahrens, Craig Maxey

Matthew Laird, Spencer Laird, Kurt Peterson

Topher Ahrens, Jeff Tollefson, Brad Strader, Bari Strader, John Cullen

INTERMENT

Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery — Storm Lake, Iowa

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