



Marjorie Fern (Agan) Clark

October 1, 1927 - September 21, 2021

Marjorie Fern (Agan) Clark, passed away September 21, 2021 at Westridge Care Initiatives in Knoxville, Iowa. She was born October 1, 1927 on a farm near Weller in Monroe County, Iowa. Shortly after her birth, Marjorie's parents, Raymond and Fern E. (King) Agan, moved their family to a farm north of Columbia, Iowa.

Marjorie always liked school and attended Elm Grove Country School K-8, before moving on to Knoxville High School. With only a year to go to earn her country school teaching certification, the program, was dropped. Not deterred, Marjorie transferred to Chariton High School to complete the program while residing with "Grandma Johnson," the mother of her future sister-in-law Dolores. Her first teaching job was at Gosport School and later at Columbia's larger two-room school. She later taught at Attica's school and at Melcher-Dallas before moving on to the Knoxville system as an elementary teacher and guidance counselor. Additional education for Bachelors and Masters degrees was completed at Drake University and William Penn College.

One day Marj was with her cousin, Corwin Sage and his fiancé Margaret Clark, in Columbia where she was introduced to Margaret's brother, a recently discharged G.I. named Fred Ellsworth Clark from Dallas, Iowa. They married August 16, 1948 and lived in eastern Des Moines. Both were working and Marjorie was pregnant with their first child, when the Reserves called up Fred in early 1951 due to the Korean War. He was assigned to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, so they sold their house and one car in a matter of two weeks and off he went. Marjorie stayed in Des Moines with Aunt Ethel and Uncle Lester LeFavor. Son Gordon Fred was born on an icy, stormy February 10, 1951. Marj and Gordon joined Fred in Oklahoma in a few weeks. Upon release from his Army duties, Fred, Marj and Gordon returned to a farm north of Columbia. Another son, Scott Dee, was born in Knoxville on March 13, 1956.

Both Gordon (Molly) of Winterset and Scott (Andrea) of Centerville, survive Marjorie. Also grandchildren; Cari (Mike) Hannon of Johnston, Tom (Sarah) of Urbandale, Lindsey (Mark) Mulnix of Washburn, Brianne (Matt) Thompson of Centerville. Great grandchildren are: Tyler and Cole Hannon, Andrew and Nora Clark, Liviya and Caleb Mulnix, Abel and Graham Thompson. Also numerous nieces, nephews and friends also survive.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Clark; parents, Raymond and Fern

Agan; brother, Duane and his wife Dolores Agan; sister, Leta and husband Bob; sister, Geraldine and husband Claude Heck, Jr., two infant brothers, Dean Jr. and Forest W; parents-in-law, Bill and Mildred Clark; sisters-in-law, and husbands, Margaret and Corwin Sage and Dorothy and Bob Joliffe.

After a long battle with the effects of dementia, Marjorie is again prowling the aisles of craft shows looking for new ideas of pretty items to paint, sew or otherwise assemble. Her weather forecast is clear and sunny, with days alternating between spring (time to plant seeds) and summer (time to enjoy the resulting flowers and cut them into displays to enter many examples in county fair contests).

Memorials may be given in Marjorie's memory to Columbia United Methodist Building Fund or Columbia Fire Dept.

Cemetery

Gosport Cemetery
Rural Marion County
IA,

Events

SEP 23 Family Greeting 01:00PM - 02:00PM

Winfield Funeral Home
202 Washington, Knoxville, IA, US, 50138

SEP 23 Visitation 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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SEP 23 Service 02:00PM

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SEP 23 Burial

Gosport Cemetery
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Comments



“ Melanie Paredes lit a candle in memory of Marjorie Fern (Agan) Clark



Melanie Paredes - September 29 at 12:46 AM



“ Marge was my grade school teacher at Gosport in 1948 She was a lot of fun as well as a good as a good teacher and friend She will be missed.

Betty DeZwarte - September 28 at 02:22 PM



“ My family would like to send Gordon and Scott our sincere condolences.... many memories of visiting your family growing up !!! So sorry for your loss. Your mom had such a gentle soul and was a beautiful person .

Deb Bachman - September 28 at 08:49 AM



“ So much fun when the Akins family visited the Clark's! Condolences

adeline Redman - September 28 at 07:33 AM



“ Diane Carruthers lit a candle in memory of Marjorie Fern (Agan) Clark



Diane Carruthers - September 24 at 02:04 PM



“ We have so many wonderful memories of Marjorie in our lives. All the time we spent with her at the farm while we were growing up. Then, all of our great get togethers when she was in Arizona. Her kindness, wit, & hospitality always made everyone feel welcome. I enjoyed talking gardening with her & she sure had a green thumb. She was a great lady who showed her love each day. We will miss her & celebrate her life well done.

Steve Burroughs - September 24 at 12:28 PM



“ I enjoyed visiting with Marjorie at cousins day each summer. My mom (Lavata) was very fond of this gathering every year. Tom Brownlee

Tom Brownlee - September 24 at 10:46 AM



“ I've always enjoyed visiting with Marj about plants and flowers.. She shared many helpful tips plus seeds and plants with me. I will think of her always when the flowers bloom year after year.

Debbie Sevier - September 23 at 11:07 AM



“ Tom & Anna Smith lit a candle in memory of Marjorie Fern (Agan) Clark



Tom & Anna Smith - September 23 at 07:14 AM



“ Sandy Hubler lit a candle in memory of Marjorie Fern (Agan) Clark



Sandy Hubler - September 22 at 07:45 PM



“ Marilyn Des Camps lit a candle in memory of Marjorie Fern (Agan) Clark



Marilyn Des Camps - September 22 at 04:45 PM



“ Linda Sage Carter lit a candle in memory of Marjorie Fern (Agan) Clark



Linda Sage Carter - September 22 at 04:16 PM