



Julie H. Bowers

April 14, 1925 - March 20, 2014

Julie Harvey Bowers, age 88, of Okoboji, Iowa passed away Thursday, March 20, 2014 at the Milford Nursing Center in Milford, Iowa. She was born on April 14, 1925 in Kansas City, Missouri to Howard and Juliet (Proudfit) Harvey.

Julie graduated from Monticello College and then attended the University of Iowa where she was a Phi Beta Kappa and member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She graduated in 1947. At the University of Iowa she met James R. Bowers whom she married on August 18, 1947 in Spencer, Iowa. Jim and Julie owned and operated Bowers Clothing Store in LeMars for 35 years.

In 1985, Jim and Julie moved to West Lake Okoboji where Julie enjoyed golfing, boating, playing bridge and mahjong, in addition to spending time with family and friends at the lake. She was a member of the Okoboji Yacht Club where she began racing sailboats as a teenager. She was a member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Spirit Lake where she taught Sunday school and was active in the altar guild. Julie was past-President of TTT and PEO. Julie also served on the military academy selection board for the sixth district.

Julie is survived by her three sons, James R. Bowers, Jr., and his wife Jodie, of West Des Moines, Iowa; Daniel H. Bowers and his spouse, Steven Weissman, of New York City, New York; and Peter C. Bowers and his wife,

Monika Fleshner, of Boulder, Colorado; five grandchildren, namely Heather Pride and her husband, Russell Pride of Pleasant Hill, Iowa; Hana Bowers of Melbourne, Australia, formerly of West Des Moines, Iowa; Samuel and Charles Bowers of Boulder, Colorado; and Ethan Brady-Weissman of New York City, New York; and a great-granddaughter, Sydney Pride, of Pleasant Hill, Iowa.

Julie was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Jim, who died on April 29, 2004 in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Julie will be fondly remembered as a wonderful spouse, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00P.M. Friday, March28, 2014, at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Spirit Lake. A memorial visitation will be held Thursday, from 4:00P.M. until 6:00P.M. at the Schuchert Funeral Home. The Schuchert Funeral Home, Spirit Lake, Iowa is in charge of the arrangements. Memorial donations may be given in Julie's name to St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Tribute Wall

JE

“ *My Friend Julie, a life well lived. I am so grateful I got be a small part of it. I will remember her always!*

Janell Erickso - March 30, 2014 at 02:33 PM

AH

“ *Our family considered Julie a cherished friend! She was an amazing woman who was a dear loyal friend to our Mom, Jeanne Friberg, who loved her as a sister! I will always remember her spunk, her humor and her wonderful outlook on life! You will be greatly missed, dear Julie!*

Ann Friberg Hoak - March 27, 2014 at 06:52 PM

SF

“ *I remember Julie's great laugh. She always made everything seem lighter and better. I also remember her throwing her walker into the back of her old car--powering on no matter what--after hot afternoons of bridge at my Mom's house (Jeanne Friberg's). I know they're having a glass of ice tea and a cookie, playing bridge and laughing their hearts out. My condolences to her family and her dear friends.*

Susan Friberg - March 27, 2014 at 06:40 PM

JC

“ *My Great Aunt taught me to play Mah Jong and Cribbage. But more importantly, she taught by example. Always interested in other people, she was a wonderful example of living with grace and dignity. She was truly an original Harvey girl!*

Julie Cramer from Italy

Julie Cramer - March 27, 2014 at 03:17 PM

KP

“ I first met Julie and Jim in the 60's and 70's when yacht club parties were held in homes. I probably met her at J.C. (Pete) and Alma Petersen's home, on Eagle Point. Julie had a twinkle in her eye and a wonderful smile. She was a genuine lady. I visited her at her Lakeshore home about twice a week when we moved here twelve years ago. We chatted about what the lake looked like with ice, snow, rain, sun, and wind. We talked about sailing. Julie wanted to teach me mah jong, but we never got that done. We visited at Stonebridge assisted living. She was happy, content and well taken care of. I would take her the weekly newspaper, postage stamps Julie continued to have that twinkle, smile and was vivacious. I will hold her in a special place in my heart.

Kathy Petersen - March 26, 2014 at 10:46 PM

CS

“ Julie H. Bowers

Chad Schuchert - March 26, 2014 at 03:23 PM

BP

“ Julie...what a classy lady. She was witness to many of our shenanigans as we grew up around the lake and never chastised us. At least we didn't think she did. She handled everything we threw at her with class and aplomb. We will miss her and those of her ilk. Bill Phelps

Bill and Sally Phelps - March 26, 2014 at 03:01 PM

JC

“ My dearest Auntie Zoo was a tower of strength and optimism! If you told her about something that was troubling you she would say "Oh well..." and then explain why it wasn't so bad after all and how you could deal with it. She played great games of bridge and Mah Jongg and could jump off the dock without getting her hair wet! Love to Jim, Dan, and Pete from Italy.

Julie Schweitzer Cramer - March 26, 2014 at 01:11 AM

MF

“ I will never forget Julie sharing a story with me at the Yacht Club one evening. Okoboji was having one of it's brutal summer storms a long time ago, she was in bed worried about the sail boat being tied down. Against her husbands wishes she rose out of bed went down to the dock to secure the boat, then stood at the end of the dock and enjoyed the wind and rain with arms wide open. This memory had still warmed her heart after all those years. I thought it was lovely. My Mom Jeanne Friberg I am certain welcomed her with open arms to the glory of heaven. RIP dear Julie

Mary Friberg - March 24, 2014 at 07:19 PM

MF

“ I will miss Julie as she was a wonderful neighbor and very close friend. Always full of love, laughter and energy. I will miss you my friend.

Mary Ford - March 23, 2014 at 11:23 AM

MP

“ *Dr. Dan and brothers I remember our grandmothers playing bridge at the table to the left as you came in the door and the our mothers played bridge there too. My aunt Jean went to Monticello College together with Julie. Our families have along history and I will miss Julie and her laugh. So sorry but I am out of town and won't be there for the service but know that I am with you in spirit. Love Mitzi Cravens Porter*

Mitzi Cravens Porter - March 21, 2014 at 05:39 PM