



## Maxine Hix

March 16, 1912 - July 24, 2016

Maxine Hix, age 104, of Spirit Lake died on Sunday July 24, 2016 at the Hawkeye Care Center in Spirit Lake. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Friday at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Spirit Lake.

Maxine Mary Speaker, the daughter of Dr. E. E. and Ednad (Bates) Speaker, was born on March 16, 1912 in Lake View, Iowa. She graduated from Lake View High School in 1929 and from Drake University in 1935 with a Bachelor's Degree in Music. After several years teaching in public school, she was united in marriage to Marion Hix on September 12, 1935 in Odebolt. The couple lived on a farm near Odebolt for forty years before moving to Spirit Lake in 1975.

Maxine taught piano and organ for 35 years and was awarded a Master Teachers Certificate from the Iowa State Music Teachers Association for excellence in student training for state piano competition. She was organist and choir director of the Odebolt Methodist Church for 20 years. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, the PEO Sisterhood, Mui Phi Epsilon, National Honorary Music Society, Chi Omega Sorority and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Maxine was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a brother, Everett Speaker; and a sister, Lucile Williams.



# Tribute Wall

MF

“ *Maggie Fliss lit a candle in memory of Maxine Hix*



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**Maggie Fliss** - August 08, 2016 at 12:19 PM

BV

“ *Mrs. Hix was my piano teacher for ten years. She taught and guided me with grace while making sure I played every note exactly right. She also taught me how to play musically. Mrs. Hix is the reason I play like I do to this day. I got to visit with her prior to moving to Oregon four years ago. Her mind was very sharp and she still had her wonderful sense of humor and giggle. I thank God that she was a special part of my life.*



*Barbar Huldeen Votrobeck*

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**Barbara Huldeen Votrobeck** - August 01, 2016 at 02:59 PM

GK

“ *Max was a family member, as well as a neighbor, friend, piano teacher and a part of my life for many years. She was a talented piano teacher and had a wonderful gift in visual arts. She leaves a great legacy and will be missed. I'mm sure Marion has welcomed her into Heaven with him. RIP! Georgia and Russ Klay.*

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**Georgia Hix Klay** - July 30, 2016 at 10:50 AM

NA

“ Mrs. Hix was such a great piano teacher. I was fortunate to study with her for eight years. She gave me a solid base for continuing my musical endeavors. I went on to study music and have been a church musician for 38 years and have had a piano & voice studio for 18 years. I have thought of her often with fond memories of my weekly lessons in her little studio beside the beauty shop in Odebolt.

Nancy Jacobson Arnold - July 29, 2016 at 08:05 PM

JJ

“ Maxine was a wonderful piano teacher and a good example for her students in Odebolt. Noonie

Jean Marie Noonie Peterson Jones - July 29, 2016 at 04:34 PM

RN

“ Maxine lived in the same condo complex that I did, several years ago....we became good friend. She even painted a small table for me. Rest in peace my friend....till we meet again. Condolences to her friends and family and her good friend Marilyn...



Rhonda Nelson - July 28, 2016 at 09:09 PM

DB

“ My sympathy to her family.

Dayle Broocks



Dayle Broocks - July 27, 2016 at 07:46 AM

KK

“ *Karla Kolpin lit a candle in memory of Maxine Hix*



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**Karla Kolpin** - July 26, 2016 at 05:21 PM

LS

“ *I remember taking care of Maxine, back when I worked for HillTop Care Center. She was a very sweet sweet lady. And a very fashionable woman, a very joy to visit with. My sympathy to the family*

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**Laura Snyder** - July 26, 2016 at 05:06 PM

MS

“ *Michele Shortley lit a candle in memory of Maxine Hix*



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**Michele Shortley** - July 26, 2016 at 12:25 PM

PT

“ *Paula Krogman Tietz lit a candle in memory of Maxine Hix*



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**Paula Krogman Tietz** - July 26, 2016 at 10:49 AM

JD

“Maxine was a beautiful lady inside and out and a dear friend of my mother, Percella Van Dyke. When my mother passed, our youngest daughter Grace remembered all those good times with Maxine and Percella at the Homestead and has stayed in touch over the years. Grace was looking forward to coming back to Okoboji after taking the Bar exam this week,, she was due in on Friday night hoping to see Maxine and share some stories. They had a special friendship and we all enjoyed stopping by when we were in the area to visit Maxine. She was an incredible lady with such amazing mental capacity to read the Webster's Dictionary and the Bible multiple times. I have to believe she was unbeatable in Scrabble. We know that Marilyn Strickland did so much for Maxine for many years and she always spoke about Marilyn with such compassion. It won't be the same not stopping by and seeing Maxine and catching up on her latest read. Such a dear, sweet lady with love in her heart and a bright smile as she always greeted you. May the Lord Bless you and keep you and grant you His Peace now and forever more. Our love and sympathies to Marilyn, family, and friends.

John, Lauren, Grace Van Dyke

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John Van Dyke - July 26, 2016 at 09:54 AM

LH

“Rest in peace my friend. You were a remarkable person and I will always consider myself blessed to have known you.



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Laura Hanna - July 25, 2016 at 01:17 PM