



## Primrose Selden Jackson

January 14, 1919 - December 13, 2019

We announce the passing of our beloved mother Primrose (Prim) Selden Jackson a month shy of her 101st birthday on December 13, 2019 in Indianola, Iowa.

Prim was born at home during the Spanish Flu epidemic January 14, 1919 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa to Marvin R. and Rose E. (Ferguson) Selden. She attended Cedar Rapids schools and St. Katherines Episcopal Girl's School in Davenport, Iowa. She graduated from Coe College in 1940 with degrees in Chemistry and English and was a member of Chi Omega Sorority.

In 1941 Prim was married to the love of her life, William Lester Jackson also of Cedar Rapids. During WWII they would reside in Arlington, VA and Temple, TX where they had their beloved son William L. Jackson, Jr. After WWII they moved to Emmetsburg, Iowa where their two daughters, (also beloved), Marcy and Betsy were born. In 1956 the family moved to Ames, Iowa. Prim worked as an editor for the Iowa State University Press for many years, a position she cherished. She was a member of St. John's by the Campus Episcopal Church in Ames and a member of P. E. O. Chapter LN. Upon Prim's retirement in 1973 they moved and rebuilt the family home on Lake Okoboji, Iowa. There, Prim was a member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, P. E. O. Chapter BE, the Lakes Art Center and the Okoboji Yacht Club. She was a 78-year member of the P.E.O Sisterhood.

Prim is preceded in death by her loving husband William (Bill) Jackson in 2001 and her son Dr. William (Bill) Jackson in 2004, her parents Marvin and

Rose Selden and her young brother Samuel Selden, her older sister Isabel (James) Smith, and her brother Marvin (Jean) Selden.

She is survived by her loving, (also beloved), daughter's Marcy (Doug) Harrison of Nevada City, CA; and Betsy (Clark) Raney of Indianola, Iowa; her sister Anne Miehle of Waterloo, Iowa; and her dearest sister-in-law Rosemarie (Ro) Jackson of Okoboji, Iowa. She had eight cherished grandchildren- Brett Callison, Heather (Chris) Horoschak, and Joe (Hilary) Callison, Alex (Brooke) Ruthenburg, Hollie (Mike) Sprague, and Andrew (DJ), Daniel (Sarrah), and Erik Raney. She is also survived by 10 great grandchildren- Caitlin, Kendall, Connor, and Chloe Callison, Braxton and Gabriella Horoschak, Jackson and King Raney, and Madisyn and Kilyn Sprague. She leaves behind many nieces and nephews and a many dear loving friends.

Prim was passionate about ISU sports, the NY Times Crossword Puzzles, Bridge, Mah Jongg and game nights with family. She had a long wonderful life and will be missed by her family and friends. She leaves behind some great memories and life lessons— none of her grandchildren would dare be caught wearing a hat in the house. Prim was truly a 'prim' and proper woman. Her name suited her so well.

A special thank you to all the folks at Vintage Hills Assisted Living Center. Your kind help, friendship, and loving care meant the world to all of us— especially mother.

Services will be held at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Spirit Lake, Iowa later in the spring or summer.

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Grew up next door to the Jackson cottage at Okoboji. Great people all. Friends are those people we want in our lives and it worked both ways. Made my childhood a great experience. Joel Mayne

joel mayne - January 11, 2020 at 04:13 PM

TC

“ The Staff At The Pearson Lakes Art Cente lit a candle in memory of Primrose Selden Jackson



The Staff at the Pearson Lakes Art Cente - January 03, 2020 at 01:25 PM

AO

“ Prim was a very special person to me. I lived next door to the Jacksons in Emmetsburg. I hope you will let me know when the memorial service will be held. because of Prim we have 68 Christmas stockings hanging on our mantle. She knit the first two and then told me to continue the tradition. Ann Osterhaus, 216 Austin, Maquoketa,Iowa 52060

ann osterhaus - December 30, 2019 at 10:32 AM

KS

“ I've known Prim my whole life. A wonderful lady, great smile and warm heart. Our thoughts are with your family Betsy & Marcy.

Kirk Stauss - December 17, 2019 at 10:14 AM

DA

“ *Debbie Ahrenstorff lit a candle in memory of Primrose Selden Jackson*



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**Debbie Ahrenstorff** - December 16, 2019 at 10:12 AM

MG

“ *What a wonderful joy it was to care for prim at vintage hills. I will forever carry the memories with me. She truly was one of a kind. Much love to you girls during this sad time.*

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**Melissa Gabriel** - December 15, 2019 at 11:00 PM



“ *Marcy and Betsy,*

*I am so sorry to hear of Prim's death. Jane and I were just speaking of her last week and remembering how she was so instrumental in bringing us into the St. Alban and Jackson families. She will be truly missed!*

*Blessings to you all,*

*Fr. Carl*

*Rest eternal, grant to her, O Lord;  
And let light perpetual shine upon her.  
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

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**Carl Mann** - December 15, 2019 at 10:10 AM

AK

“ I always loved talking with Primrose when she stopped by the floral shop at Hy-Vee. She was a sweet lady who will be missed.



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**Amber Kollasch** - December 15, 2019 at 08:29 AM

MJ

“ Mary Ann Jansen lit a candle in memory of Primrose Selden Jackson



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**mary ann jansen** - December 14, 2019 at 06:54 PM

MC

“ My heart goes out to Prim's family. I always enjoyed sharing my Washington State holiday oysters with Bill and Prim. Prim was a class lady. Bill a class guy. Mike Chozen

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**Michael Chozen** - December 14, 2019 at 12:24 PM