



Fran Cassem

February 13, 1914 - April 19, 2008

Frances Andrea (Fran) Cassem, 94, of Siloam springs, Arkansas, died on April 19, 2008 at her home. She was born February 13, 1914, in Sioux City, Iowa, to Frank and Jessica Bowers Haakinson. She was educated in Sioux City and married Gerald (Jerry) Cassem in 1933. Her husband preceded her in death in 1989. Her beloved brothers and sisters -- Edwin, William, Cathryn and Gwendolyn -- are all deceased. Fran is survived by her two children: son Thomas, an ordained minister in Charleston, South Carolina, and his wife Eva; and daughter Andrea, a civilian attorney for the Navy in Norfolk, Virginia; along with several relatives. While living in Sioux City, Fran was active in Boy and Girl Scouts, Demolay and Rainbow Girls. She served as a Gray lady for the Red Cross and was an active member of the Junior League. For over 18 years, she was President of the Community House and was instrumental in helping raise nearly one million dollars toward their new building. She always enjoyed playing golf and was an avid bridge player. Following a number of years living on the island of St. Croix in the Virgin Islands, the Cassems moved to Siloam Springs where Fran made many close friends. She served as a Pink Lady for the local hospital for 18 years and was an active member of P.E.O. (Chapter CE) and the First Presbyterian Church. Her donation of the large cross and candelabrum to the church was an expression of her love for Jesus Christ. She supported many charities, her favorite being SMILE -- an organization that provides surgical repair to children who have cleft palates.

A memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Siloam

Springs on Thursday, April 24, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. There will be a private family burial at Logan Park Cemetery in Sioux City, Iowa. Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Siloam Springs, P.O. Box 606, Siloam Springs, AR 72761.

Tribute Wall

BE

“ *This note is for Thomas and Andrea. We are sorry for the delay in getting this message off to you. One of our friends in Sioux City saw the Obituary in the SC Journal and mailed it to us.*

We have wondered whatever happened to you two.

This is just a note to express our sincere sympathy for the loss of your Mother. We are not surprised to see that she continued her lifelong work as an ardent worker for many worthwhile causes she believed in. She had a long and productive life, much admired by so many.

With our sincere sympathy,

Dick and Donna

Barbara England - September 19, 2012 at 11:29 AM

AW

“ *My parents were married at the Cassem's home in 1955. My dad always had a soft spot in his heart for Aunt Fran. My sincerest condolences to Tom and Andrea.*

Anne White - September 19, 2012 at 11:29 AM

BM

“ *Dear Family, I never met your mother but we talked on the phone a few times. She was a very sweet person and I will miss hearing from her. You are in my prayers.*

Bevra Mickel - September 19, 2012 at 11:29 AM

JP

“ *Fran was a great neighbor. She will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.* ”

Jim & Jacque Plumlee - September 19, 2012 at 11:29 AM

CI

“ *A lovely friend. She will be missed. We worked together in the Presbyterian Church and enjoyed each other's company very much.* ”

Claudette Ittner - September 19, 2012 at 11:29 AM