

Mary Finken, 87

Sept. 12, 1926 - Sept. 14, 2013

KNOXVILLE — Mary Louise Finken, daughter of Edward A. and Eva M. (Moylan) Stangl, was born September 12, 1926, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Carroll. She grew up in Coon Rapids, and in 1939 moved to Atlantic, and graduated from Atlantic High School in 1943. In 1943 Mary went to work in Des Moines at the Iowa Department of Social Welfare. Later she was employed by the Veterans Administration as Secretary to the Personnel Officer and Registrar.



Mary was united in marriage to Eugene N. Finken on November 6, 1946 at St. John's Catholic Church in Des Moines. Born to this union were sons, Mike, Steve, Stan and Les. The family moved to Harlan in 1957. Mary was employed as City Librarian for 25 years, retiring in 1990. Mary moved to Knoxville in 2004. She was a member of the Iowa Library Association and the Iowa Small Library Association. In 1991 she was named Citizen of the Year. After retirement Mary was Chairman of the Harlan Library Focus Group, a member of the Harlan Main Street Board, the Shelby County Historic Preservation Commission, Myrtue Memorial Hospital Auxilliary and Elm Crest Auxilliary. Mary passed away on September 14, 2013 at the Pella Regional Health Center Long Term Care Unit at the age of 87 years.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Gene, on November 7, 1998. Those left to cherish her memory include her four sons, Mike (Sharon) Edwards, Steve Finken, Stan (Chris) Finken, and Les (Teresa) Finken; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

No memorial services are planned due to Mary's enrollment in the Deeded Body Program at the Carver College of Medicine at the University of Iowa. Condolences may be sent to the family through Williams Funeral Home, Knoxville, IA or on the funeral home website at www.williamsfhknoxville.com.

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