



Kris Boyd

August 4, 1924 - March 1, 2016

Marie R. (Kris) Boyd was born August 4, 1924 to Henry and Gertrude Rossa in Orlando, Florida. She had three younger brothers, Karl, Bob and Fred. Her father, Henry, immigrated to America during World War I. His passion for art and painting was shared by several of the children, including Marie. She told many stories about her parents packing up the family quickly to go to the beach so that her father could paint the sunset as they romped along the shore. The family enjoys several of Grandpa Rossa's paintings today.

Marie, as she was called by her family, became a diligent student and graduated from Hillsborough High School in 1942. She enrolled in Tampa Business College, attending evening classes and working for an attorney during the day. Eventually she earned an Associates in Business degree. After that she had a very interesting assignment working for Gulf Oil Corporation where the salary and benefits were much more desirable than at a small law office.

While attending a dance at a local American Legion, she met Sgt. Donald H. Boyd from Roland, Iowa. The Men's Chorus was entertaining that night at the dance and Don was conducting. Their love story began by seeing each other at more dances, and Marie joining the choir at First Presbyterian Church. Sgt. Boyd seemed to have enough free time to take the bus to meet her so they could sing in the choir. Her very protective, German father allowed these activities to proceed because there were plenty of chaperones to watch them.

Their engagement was announced Christmas of 1944 and they were married at First Presbyterian Church in Tampa on April 9, 1944 - Easter Sunday. Her new husband thought she needed a more Norwegian name so he officially called her Kris. It has been a perfect name for the rest of her life. In 1946, after the death of Don's mother, they moved to Iowa where he became a partner in the family business, O.S. Boyd and Son Insurance Company

Her passion for art was evidenced in her love for painting, gardening and needle crafts. A

true Florida girl, she was not afraid to bait a hook and had a real love for fishing, sailing and water sports in her younger days. The example of her faith in Jesus Christ and her desire to help others is by far her greatest legacy.

Kris is survived by three children, Kathie (Don) of Palmyra, Pa., Bill (Dorene) of Ames and Beverly (Kevin) of Valencia, Calif.; nine grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and a brother.

Kris was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 54 years, Don, in 1998; two brothers; and her daughter, Paula in 1975.

Memorials may be made to Salem Lutheran Church in Roland or Covent Life Church.

Events

MAR **Memorial Service** 10:30AM - 11:00AM

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Bethany Manor Chapel

212 Lafayette Ave., Story City, IA, US, 50248

Comments



“ Cindy Y Cole lit a candle in memory of Kris Boyd



Cindy Y Cole - March 08 at 03:17 PM



“ Gift of Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kris Boyd.



March 04 at 08:59 PM



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Linda Rossa - March 04 at 08:31 PM



“ To cousins Kathie, Bill & Bev & families. I have such lovely memories of your mom & dad and I wanted to share some family pictures we have that are also posted on Dad's (Karl's) memory page.

With deepest sympathy. Linda Rossa & Scott Horvat

Linda Rossa - March 04 at 08:43 PM



“ Kathie, Bill, Bev and families: Deepest sympathy to you on the loss of your mom and grandma. I spent countless hours at your house (and vice versa) as Paula was a best friend. Our families had many things in common also and I have pictures from some early outings/picnics we took as family friends. I remember distinctly at Paula's

funeral and I went to comfort Kris, but she comforted me instead. She didn't like the fact that Paula was going 'there' first, to see heavens' glories!! Now, they are finally together, over 40 years later. I have so many, many happy memories of the Boyd family, Salem and Roland!

Sharon Nelson Haarstick



Sharon Nelson Haarstick - March 04 at 01:26 PM



“ Bev,
My condolences to you and your family. I hope you are comforted by memories of your mom.
Jil Ose Ipsen

jil ose ipsen - March 04 at 08:21 AM



“ Kathie, Bev, Bill, and families,

My heartfelt sympathies to you all on your mom, grandma's passing.

My memories go back to Roland's trick or treating for halloween, in the Salem church where your dad was music director, and seeing Kris at Don's tax business.

RIP KRIS



Betty Tungesvik Gordon, Ames - March 04 at 04:06 AM