

Margaret H. Orr



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Margaret H. Orr, 83, passed away July 19, 2009, at Health Care Center of Northcrest Retirement Community in Ames. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 22, at the Collegiate Presbyterian Helser Chapel in Ames, with visitation one hour prior. A private family burial service will be in Columbus City Cemetery in Columbus City.

Margaret was born Jan. 9, 1926, to James Harold and Bess (Robinson) Orr, of Columbus Junction. She graduated from Cotter High School, from Monmouth College, and earned a master's degree in library science from the University of Wisconsin. She worked as a bookmobile librarian in Indiana and later served as a librarian in LaCrosse, Wis. Returning to the state of Iowa in 1959, she was employed for 30 years in the ordering department of Parks Library on the Iowa State University campus.

Following retirement, she volunteered at Worldly Goods in Ames, served as a reader for elementary students and offered her expertise as a librarian for Northcrest Community. She especially treasured reading,

traveling, church, keeping in touch with family and friends and attending concerts and productions on the ISU campus. She was a charter member of Altrusa Club of Ames and a member of P.E.O. Chapter AA of Ames. Other memberships included the American Library Association, the Association of College and Research Libraries and Beta Phi Mu, a National Library Science honorary fraternity. She was a dedicated member of Collegiate Presbyterian Church, having served as an ordained elder and deacon.

She is survived by one brother-in-law, Lloyd Shogren, of Donnellson; niece, Kathy (Neil) Fell, of Garner, and children, Matt and Janeen; nephew, David (Ann) Shogren and son, Dan, of St. Helena, Calif.; niece, Diane (Dan) Dvorak, of Iowa City, and children, Nate Dvorak, Tara Meade and Tyler Meade; and niece, Connie (Jim) Beatty, of Mount Pleasant, and son, Sam.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Mildred Shogren; and one nephew-in-law, Robert Meade.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Collegiate Presbyterian Church of Ames or to Northcrest Foundation.

Adams Funeral Home and Cremation Service is assisting the family with arrangements.