



Grace B. McKenzie

September 25, 1924 - July 19, 2018

NORFOLK -- Memorial service for Grace B. McKenzie, 93, of Norfolk will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 25, 2018 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk with Rev. John Petersen officiating. Inurnment will be at the Prospect Hill Cemetery, Norfolk. Visitation will be 5:00-7:00 p.m., Friday, also at Stonacek Funeral Chapel. Grace died Thursday, July 19, 2018 at the Heritage of Bel Air Nursing Home in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

The only daughter of Edward and Mary Alice (Hamilton) Baumann was born in Jersey City, NJ on September 25, 1924. She grew up on Long Island, New York City and Jersey City, graduating from Henry Snyder High School in Jersey City NJ. She received a B.A. in French and English from Montclair State College in 1944. She was a research assistant to the General Secretary of the National Board of the YWCA until she married Dean McKenzie and moved to Anchorage, Alaska in 1948.

In Anchorage, she was a homemaker, office manager of her husband's business and worked for GSA, FAA, and BLM . She also taught French at West High School in Anchorage until 1968, when she received a US Office of Education Fellowship to acquire an M.A. in French from Indiana University and the University of Caen, France.

In 1969 the McKenzies returned to Nebraska to care for Dean's mother Eloise. Grace taught English at Elkhorn Valley High School in Tilden in the school year 1969-70, and French at Norfolk Senior High School from 1970 to 1979.

In the 1980s and 1990s she enjoyed life on a small acreage where she raised dairy goats, fed birds, raised a large garden and canned (almost) everything that she raised. She loved to read, paint in oils, and years after retirement learned to play the piano. She never lived any place she didn't like – New York, Alaska, Quebec, and Nebraska. She was proud of her five children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and sons and daughters-in-law, as only an only child and only grandchild could.

She is survived by three daughters and two sons: Mary Alice McKenzie and husband Gregg Foote of Gig Harbor WA, Shirley Ann McKenzie and Jack Briggs of Lincoln, NE, and Lois McKenzie of Sumner NE, Thomas McKenzie and wife Dot of San Bernardino, CA, and James McKenzie and his dear friend Marci Nelson of Norfolk, NE. Also surviving are grandchildren Steven McKenzie and wife Robin of Omaha, NE, Kelly Bailey and husband David of Ocean Springs MS, and Jesse Foote of Renton, WA, and six great grandchildren CJ, Kaden, Noah, Tate, Sibyl, and Declan.

She was predeceased by her husband Dean in 2002 and her parents in 1957 and 1962.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Grace B. McKenzie*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Dear loving family of Madame McKenzie,
I am grateful for your dear mother's creative and passionate teaching style. Our family traveled to Paris in 2016. During our trip, I was reminded of the many remarkable days in Madame's classroom. She will be missed by many.*

*Avec Sympathie
Amy Cox Schmid and Jeff Schmid
Abbie and Bobby*



Amy Cox Schmid - August 31, 2018 at 07:43 PM



“ *I regret I cannot be present for the visitation or service, I remember Miss Grace at the Meadows. I am the Chaplain there. We had many conversations over many subjects and even tried out a little French on her. She corrected me! I would greet her with "there is amazing Grace!" She had to move to Heritage and I didn't get to see her as much or talk to her. I will remember you all in prayer in your grief walk, God bless you all,*

Ed Felgate, Jr. - August 24, 2018 at 11:34 AM

TH

“ Remember Madame well from French class at Norfolk High School - she was the best.

Tami

Tami Horn - August 08, 2018 at 03:03 PM

ES

“ We call her Aunt Grace, since she was my dad's cousin's wife. We always remember her lovely goats. She was one sparky lady. My mom had one of her paintings until she passed and one of my grand children got the painting. She will be remembered. Ellen Snow (McKenzie)

Ellen Snow - July 31, 2018 at 07:08 PM

BI

“ Madame Mckenzie was my teacher 1974-75. She was terrific! She will never be forgotten. Au Revoir Madame. 😭

Bill - July 21, 2018 at 09:32 PM

LN

Grace was an absolutely remarkable woman. She touched the lives of so many.

Laurie Ninegar - August 21, 2018 at 09:04 PM