



Irene E. Knauff

July 2, 2007

Conway...Irene E. Knauff, age 86 of Laurel Street, died Monday, July 2, 2007 at Conway Medical Center. Miss Knauff was a daughter of the late Hubert A. and Emma Gertrude Flinn Knauff. She was born and raised in De Valls Bluff, Arkansas. Miss Knauff was a graduate of Arkansas Technical College with an Associate Degree in Home Economics. She also graduated from Henderson State Teachers College in Arkadelphia, Arkansas with a BSE degree and continued post graduate work at USC. Miss Knauff joined the U.S. Marine Corps and after boot camp at Camp LeJune, NC, she served two years in recruiting and procurement. Then she attended Aviation Machinist Mate School in Norman, OK where she learned to work on airplanes and ended her stint in the Marine Corps at Quantico Air Station. After the service she worked with International Harvester as a home economist which later sold its plant to Frigidaire, a division of GM. She traveled extensively and taught people the proper way to freeze food. Her Home Economist career also allowed her to work in Hawaii and while with Frigidaire as Regional Representative she traveled the lower third of the US from Maryland to New Mexico. Miss. Knauff retired in 1986 from Black River Electric Coop in Sumter, SC, and moved to Conway to be near her late sister Leo Knauff. While in Sumter she was a board member for the greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce, the YWCA, The Salvation Army, United Way and the Sumter Merchants Association. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, The Eastern Star and the Waccamaw Audubon Society. In 2002 she was elected as the first woman

Commander of the American Legion Post 111 of Conway. She also served on the Board of Directors for the Salvation Army of Horry County, and was a member of the Pilot Club. Miss Knauff was predeceased by two brothers, Thurmond Knauff, and Hubert Knauff; two sisters, Leo Gertrude Knauff, and Emma Oline Jordan. Surviving are: one brother, Carl B. Knauff and wife Eddie of Las Vegas, NV; one sister-in-law, Anne Knauff of Cairo, GA; eleven nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Thursday, July 5, 2007 from Trinity United Methodist Church with the Rev. Carl Hunsucker and Rev. Leon Newton officiating. Entombment will follow in Hillcrest Mausoleum. The family will receive friends 1 hour prior to the service at Trinity United Methodist Church Parlor. Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 198 Long Avenue, Conway, SC 29526. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ Dad would have wanted to visit with each of you but he is not able to. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Irene and her sister were special friends to Hubert and Mildred. ##imported-begin##Hubert Watson/Dianne Ray##imported-end##

July 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I lived next door to Irene and Leo in Conway and my parents were very close to her. I visited with her just a couple of weeks ago when we sold my fathers home. She will be missed very much. ##imported-begin##Doug Moore##imported-end##

July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Ms. Knauff was a Tech alumni and we give her family our condolences in this time of grief. ##imported-begin##Dana Moseley, Arkansas Tech University##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you! She was such an asset to her church and community. She will be missed. God Bless! ##imported-begin##Trinity UMC Fellowship Class##imported-end##

July 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I met Irene when she first came to Sumter, In fact I sold her a house and immediately liked her very much. Please give my condolences to the family! Marjorie Clarke, 108 Thelma Drive, Sumter, SC 29150##imported-begin##Marjorie H. Clarke##imported-end##

July 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Correction: Little Rock, AR NOT: Little Rock, CO Sorry.##imported-begin##Joyce Tarver McCasland##imported-end##

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“ I remember Irene through her sister Emma "Oline"... A fine person...##imported-begin##Joyce Tarver McCasland##imported-end##

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