



Cleo Boger

December 25, 2016

CLEO ANN PIPER BOGER died peacefully early Christmas morning. She was 96 and preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Robert Boger ('02), and two brothers, Robert Piper ('12) and Jerry Piper ('15). She is survived by three children, Dr. Stephen P. Boger (Joan) of Hayward, WI/Naples, FL, Paul Boger (Barb) of Cokato, MN and Lizabeth Boger (Eric Nilsson) of Falcon Heights, MN; also by seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Daughter of Helen and Leo Piper, Cleo was born and raised in Byron, IL, where her ancestors had settled in the 1830s. An alumna (B.A., English) of the University of Wisconsin – Madison, she was a member of the Kappa Delta sorority and remained active for life among UW and KD alumni. When Bob Boger (a fellow “Badger”) was discharged from the army, the couple moved first to Madison, WI and later to Byron, where Bob joined his father-in-law’s hardware store business. In 1961, Cleo began teaching PE in Byron area schools. She later obtained a degree in library science and long-served as the librarian at Byron High School. In the course of her tenure in that role, Cleo, deeply influenced the lives of countless students, many of whom to this day give testament to her love and critical guidance. Highly active in the social and civic life of Byron, Cleo and Bob were much loved and exemplary members of the community. Among her many other contributions, Cleo devoted much time and energy to girl-scouting. In retirement, Cleo and Bob loved spending summers with family at Cha-ro-ke and Windsong, the Boger Family cabins in northwest WI; during winters in Bradenton, FL, Bob and Cleo reveled in hosting family visitors from the cold north and socializing with friends, old and new. They loved to travel and took many family road trips and in retirement, trips abroad. For the last four years, Cleo resided at Lyngblomsten Care Center in St. Paul, MN, where she maintained her good cheer, curiosity about the world, and love for books. She was interested in the lives of her many fine caregivers. The family expresses special thanks to those caregivers, who did so much to make Cleo’s last years comfortable and gratifying. Memorials to the loving life of this grand woman can be made to the family. They will then be used towards a library project that is dear to Cleo’s heart. A memorial service will be held in late spring 2017 at the United Church of Byron (IL), where Cleo was a member of the choir for many years.

Comments



“ So sorry for your loss, Paul and Steve. I can totally relate. Heaven is a better place with your Mama there.

cindi frye - December 31, 2016 at 03:37 PM



“ Always loved her, she was such fun and always had the greatest smile! My thoughts and prayers go out to the sweet family!



Terri Meline-Brevoort - December 31, 2016 at 01:42 AM



“ Lighting a candle in remembrance of a lovely woman whose dedication to BHS and its students made a difference in many, many lives.



Deborah Fox - December 30, 2016 at 08:28 PM



“ Share a memory of Cleo Boger or send condolences to the family.

Diane Harrod - December 30, 2016 at 06:10 PM



“ Mrs. B was a mother to many of us at Byron High. She always welcomed us in the library and helped us in any way she could. I will always remember her supportive and encouraging nature. She was an angel to many... Rest In Peace dear lady...and thank you for being such a special person in my life.



“ Gods speed Mrs. B. The library was always a home away from home & decorating the courtyard @ the old high school was an annual highlight.

Denny Gambrel - December 30, 2016 at 12:48 AM



“ Mrs. Boger was not only a great librarian, but also a great person. She was always there to help us whenever we needed it. Those of us who knew her, will miss her.



David Osadjan - December 29, 2016 at 08:23 PM



“ Rita Taylor lit a candle in memory of Cleo Boger



Rita Taylor - December 29, 2016 at 12:58 PM



“ Mrs. Boger was indeed caring and influential to me during my high school years. Partly, because of her, I continue to love books, and use library resources on a regular basis. Her huge smile and non-judgmental nature greeted me every time I saw her. You were a lovely person, and I will always remember your kindness.

Diane Medearis - December 29, 2016 at 09:48 AM