



Carmen Billings

July 24, 2013

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“ *Carmen Billings was born in Fort Dodge Iowa on December 23, 1921, to parents of Norwegian ancestry, Torkel O. Heggen and Mina A. Paulson Heggen. She had two siblings, Ruth Heggen O'Neal and Thomas Orlo Heggen. Carmen died at Augustana Health Care Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota on July 24, 2013.*

Throughout her childhood, Carmen spent summers at the family farm in Renwick, Iowa with her siblings and aunts and uncles. Carmen graduated from Washburn High School in Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota with a Journalism Major at the age of 21. She married James E. Billings the following year. They raised three children, James, Barbara and Thomas, in Minneapolis and Edina. The family spent summers at Lake Pierson, near Waconia, Minnesota.

Carmen was a writer. She was most proud of the work she did as Newsletter Editor for the American Red Cross of Minneapolis and her freelance projects writing about famous Minnesota people and places. Carmen had a unique sense of humor, appreciated by those who knew her well, especially during difficult times. Carmen remained her interest in politics and current events throughout her life.

Carmen was proud of the accomplishments of her deceased brother, Thomas Orlo Heggen, author of "Mister Roberts," throughout her life. She contributed to the establishment of the Thomas Heggen Memorial Library in the Journalism Building (Murphy Hall) at the University of Minnesota.

Carmen was baptised, confirmed and married in the Luthern Church. Her remains will be returned to the earth in a private family ceremony.

Barbara Billings - August 14, 2013 at 10:42 AM

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In researching my Mother's life journey, I need to correct her college graduation date. She graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1945.

Barbara Billings - August 23, 2013 at 03:12 AM

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Yes, it was 1945.

thomas billings - October 07, 2014 at 10:16 PM

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1942, early winter, was the cotillion dance where they met, Fort Snelling. Dad was impressed Carmen was doing pull-ups in a ball gown and heels.

thomas billings - October 07, 2014 at 10:19 PM