

**G**ladys Combes, age 93, of Storm Lake, Iowa, died Wednesday, October 4, 2006 at Newell Good Samaritan Center.

Gladys M. Nagel was born September 26, 1913 in Rock Rapids, Iowa, the daughter of Will and Martha (Klitzke) Nagel. She grew up in the Rock Rapids area, attending school there before graduating from Rock Rapids High School in 1937. In November of 1937, Gladys was united in marriage to Omer Combes in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. They were blessed with one daughter, Shirley.

A loving wife and devoted mother, Gladys' life was always centered around her family, and she treasured the time she spent with them. In her later years, her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-granddaughter were a special source of joy for Gladys. Her home was always open to visitors and friends, with whom she enjoyed visiting. Gladys also enjoyed the time she was able to spend traveling. Her special presence will be dearly missed in the lives of her family and friends.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Shirley and husband Bob Henderson of Storm Lake; granddaughter Christy (Rick) Ramthun of Rockwell City, Iowa; grandson Rob (Pat) Henderson of Waconia, Minnesota; great-granddaughters Amy Curran and Ann Henderson; great-great-granddaughter Hailey Curran; nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Omer; her brother, Orville Nagel and her sister, Evelyn Vogel.



## *In Loving Memory*



**Gladys Combes**

1913 — 2006



—author unknown

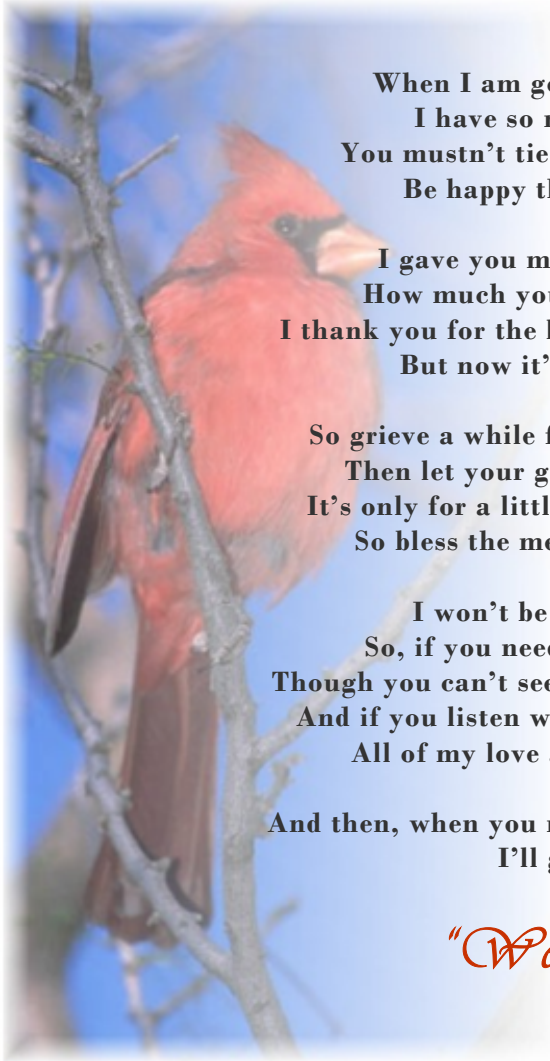
Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way; I've found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss; oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow; I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much; good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and share with me; God wanted me now — He set me free!



When I am gone, release me, let me go.  
 I have so many things to see and do.  
 You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,  
 Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love, you can only guess  
 How much you gave to me in happiness.  
 I thank you for the love you each have shown,  
 But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,  
 Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
 It's only for a little while that we must part.  
 So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.  
 So, if you need me, call and I will come.  
 Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.  
 And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
 All of my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone,  
 I'll greet you with a smile and

*"Welcome Home."*

—author unknown

**W**e wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced in  
 thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. Please  
 join us for lunch and a time of fellowship and sharing at the Lakeshore Café, 1520  
 North Lake Avenue, in Storm Lake following the burial.



*Gladys' Family*

**IN MEMORY OF**

*Gladys M. Pombes*

September 26, 1913  October 4, 2006

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

*Saturday, October 7, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.*  
**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home**  
 Storm Lake, Iowa

**CLERGY**

*Reverend Jack Barber*

**ORGANIST**

*Deanna Larson*

**DUET**

*Gladys' Great-Granddaughters*  
 Amy Curran and Ann Henderson  
 "On Eagle's Wings"  
 "Amazing Grace"  
 "The Lord's Prayer"  
 "Peace In The Valley"

**CASKET BEARERS**

*Rob Henderson, Rick Ramthun, Bill Vogel*  
*Les VanBerkum, John Spyksma, Bob Ide*

**HONORARY CASKET BEARERS**

*All of Gladys' Neighbors*

**INTERMENT**

*Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery*  
 Storm Lake, Iowa

*Arrangements by*

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