



Alma D Blume

April 5, 1919 - March 28, 2015

Alma Doris (Whalen) Blume, age 95, of Fonda, Iowa died Saturday, March 28, 2015 at the Fonda Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Alzheimer's Disease.

Funeral mass will take place Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda. Burial will be in the Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery in Fonda. Visitation will take place Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. until the time of the service at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. The Mahaney Funeral Home in Fonda is in charge of the arrangements.

Alma was born to Joseph and Maggie Whalen on April 5, 1919 in Round Lake, Minnesota. She attended rural schools at Worthington and Iona in Minnesota and Lake Center and Dickens Community schools in Iowa.

Alma was united in marriage to Lloyd Joseph Blume on June 14, 1937 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spencer, Iowa. They were blessed with three children, Elizabeth Louise, Allen Joseph and Ronald Wayne. Alma and Lloyd also raised three of their grandchildren, David, Debora and Dennis Blume.

Alma and Lloyd worked on various farms in the Spencer and Dickens area until they started farming for themselves northwest of Denison. They farmed in Crawford and Shelby counties from 1937 to 1955. Alma and Lloyd moved to

Fonda and operated the Gamble Store from 1955 to 1970. Alma then served in a variety of positions at the Fonda Care Center from 1970 until her retirement in 1996, including kitchen cook, dietary supervisor, and nursing assistant.

Alma was involved in many local activities including president and vice president of the Fonda Women's Club and Pocahontas County Women's Club. She was a member of Catholic parishes in Denison, Defiance and Dow City from 1940 to 1956. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda from 1956 to her death in 2015. Alma was a member of the O.L.G.C. Catholic Daughters of America. She also served two years as the den mother for Cub Scouts Den No. 2 and one year as the den mother for the Webelos.

She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Swanson, Ankeny, Iowa; sons, Dr. Allen Blume (Andi), West Des Moines, Iowa and Ronald Blume (Pam), Ocala, Florida; 16 grandchildren, David Blume (Jennifer Jaszczak), Cottage Grove, Minnesota; Debora Blume (Eric Woolson), West Des Moines, Iowa; Dennis Blume (Federica), Fonda, Iowa; Dr. Regina Blume Cygan (Kurt Brueschke), Fort Dodge; Michael Blume (Stacey Gasperi-Clennon), North Liberty; Cheryl Riley (Dan), Spencer, Iowa; Alan Swanson (Vicki), Ankeny, Iowa; Lori O'Meara (Mark), West Des Moines, Iowa; Roxanne Townsend (Robert), Denison, Iowa; Rita Swanson, Denison, Iowa; Katherine Nielson, Denison, Iowa; John Swanson (Judy), Johnston, Iowa; Joy Plattner, Denison, Iowa, Janice Graff (Steve), Portland, Oregon, Paige Blume, Charlotte, North Carolina and Devon Blume, Ocala, Florida; three step-grandchildren, Dodi Petersen, Collins, Iowa, Dan O'Lena (Kim), St. Augustine, Florida, and Debra Fecho, Boone, Iowa; 23 great-grandchildren; 17 great-great grandchildren; and nine great-great-great grandchildren; brother Melvin Whalen (Lillian), Dickens, Iowa, sisters-in-law Nancy Blum, Anoka, Minnesota, and Marie Blum, Earling, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd, brother, Joseph Whalen, sisters, Florence Blighton, Bertha Strohman, Jenny Piscator, Mae Reinholdt; son-in-law Darrell Swanson, and great-great-grandson Shawn Ortig.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Fonda Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to support activities for its Alzheimer's patients.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery

Fonda, IA 50540

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Fonda
513 North Main Street
Fonda, IA 50540

Service

APR 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Fonda
513 North Main Street
Fonda, IA 50540

Interment

APR 1 (CT)

Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery
Fonda, IA 50540

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Alma D Blume*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 31, 2015 at 02:17 PM

AS

Alma Blume

Alan Swanson - April 01, 2015 at 05:01 PM

DP

Mz. Donna Joy Plattner from Omaha Nebraska. 68132

Donna Joy Plattner - July 14, 2015 at 11:49 AM

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Donna joy Plattner - July 14, 2015 at 12:13 PM

JS

“ Grandma told Steve and me at our wedding that she and Grandpa had a good marriage because they never went to bed angry. Stayed up fighting but never went to bed angry. May she Rest in Peace with Charlie Brown.

Lots of prayers coming form Portland:

"There will be peace in the valley for me some day. There will be peace in the valley for me, dear Lord I pray. There'll be no sadness, no sorrow, no trouble I see. There will be peace in the valley for me."

Janice Swanson & Steve Graff



Janice Swanson - March 31, 2015 at 11:04 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Funeral Home - March 31, 2015 at 03:31 PM

MB

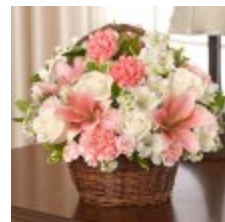
“ *Mary A. Beck purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Alma D Blume.*



Mary A. Beck - March 31, 2015 at 03:31 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White was purchased for the family of Alma D Blume.*



March 30, 2015 at 10:44 PM

RS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Alma's family. She was a wonderful lady. God's blessings and Peace now and in the days ahead. Randy and Marilyn Schmitt*

Randy and Marilyn Schmitt - March 30, 2015 at 07:21 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Alma D Blume.*



March 30, 2015 at 03:44 PM



“ *Tiffany Maloy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Alma D Blume*



Tiffany Maloy Nelson - March 30, 2015 at 09:45 AM

ML

“ *Mary Miller Lange lit a candle in memory of Alma D Blume*



Mary Miller Lange - March 29, 2015 at 08:23 PM

BM

“ *Brenda Miller sent a virtual gift in memory of Alma D Blume*



Brenda Miller - March 29, 2015 at 07:40 PM

BM

R.I.P. Alma...you will be missed by all, but our memories of you will last forever. Thank you for your wonderful smiles throughout the years of growing up in Fonda.

Brenda Miller - March 29, 2015 at 07:42 PM

CB

Prayers to all of Alma's family. Just heard of her passing. She was a gem!

Caroline Boettcher - March 30, 2015 at 06:34 PM

MA

“ Prayers, peace and blessings to all the family.



MarlenebOmeara - March 29, 2015 at 06:45 PM

KN

“ Grandma.....I will forever cherish your love poems and notes from Grandpa as the pure gold that they are. I am so grateful I got to share them with you this week.



katherine nielsen - March 29, 2015 at 06:44 PM

CR

“ Grandma, I will never forget all the weekends that we had together out on the farm, and how you loved our fish fry every summer. Dennis was our angel to make sure you always got here. Love you and will miss you!



Cheryl Swanson Riley - March 29, 2015 at 06:12 PM

RT

“ Roxanne Townsend lit a candle in memory of Alma D Blume



Roxanne Townsend - March 29, 2015 at 05:41 PM

RT

I will always remember late nights and lots of stories, will cherish my memories of you forever. LOVE YOU

Roxanne Townsend - March 29, 2015 at 06:04 PM

RT

*“ I remember staying up late and telling stories!! You are the best Grandmother ever!!
Till we meet again, give Grandpa a kiss for me!!*

Love ya

Roxanne Townsend - March 29, 2015 at 05:22 PM

JB

“ I remember the early days when Lloyd and Alma lived on the farm near Denison. We loved to come stay with overnight! We didn't have bananas at home, but she would give us one...probably the first one I ever had! And I remember when baby chicks came, they arrived in a cardboard box with air holes on the sides. We had painted walls, but Alma had wallpaper. She would use some cute, floral remnants, cut them and glue them to the box to make a 4-room house! She always gave us her time. I have only the sweetest memories of her.



Judy Swanson Brodersen - March 29, 2015 at 05:07 PM

JS

“ Grandma, I remember staying with you in the summer when I was in Middle school. I would get up each morning and run 10 miles around Fonda. I also remember the trips Judy and I would make up there when we first started dating back in the late 70"s. We remember sitting out in the porch with you and Grandpa!


John Swanson - March 29, 2015 at 05:00 PM

AB

“ I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. I thought about you yesterday, and days before that too. I think of you in silence, I often speak your name. All I have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is my keepsake, with which I'll never part. God has you in his keeping, I have you in my heart !!!
Forever and Always

~Author Unknown

Andi O'Lena Blume - March 29, 2015 at 03:58 PM

 Lori O'Meara

“ Grandma...you were such a night owl :) How you loved to stay up late and listen to us sing by the camp fire!



Lori O'Meara - March 29, 2015 at 03:35 PM

ES

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Elizabeth Swanson - March 29, 2015 at 03:29 PM

ES

Mom, you have your wings now, watching over us

Elizabeth Swanson - March 29, 2015 at 03:56 PM



“ *Grandma I will always remember your visits and stays and working on the computer doing genealogy.* ”



Alan Swanson - March 29, 2015 at 03:15 PM