



Audrey Joan Johannsen

August 29, 1932 - June 8, 2024

Audrey J. Johannsen, age 91, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Saturday, June 8, 2024 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will take place Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Morgan Township Cemetery in Schleswig, Iowa at 2:30 p.m. Visitation will take place Wednesday, June 12, 2024 from 3-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM Lake with the family present from 5-7:00 p.m. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Audrey Joan Leidholdt was born August 29, 1932 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin to Carl M. and Mathilde Krueger Leidholdt. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod.

Her childhood days were spent in Chippewa Falls where she received her primary education with graduation from high school in 1950. She then attended St. John's College in Winfield, Kansas. After obtaining a teaching certificate, she taught parochial school in eastern Iowa.

On April 17, 1953, Audrey and Ken M. Johannsen were united in marriage at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Iowa City, Iowa. To this union three sons were born: Mark Christian, Jess Christian, and Seth Christian.

While living in Omaha Audrey was employed by the Midwest Market Research Company and served as its Director. After moving to Spencer, Iowa in 1966, she served as President of the Clay County Heart Association, was a member of the St. Luke Retirement Home Board of Directors, and chaired events for the Spencer Centennial.

The Johannsen family moved to Storm Lake in 1977 and Audrey pursued one of her special interests – playing guitar and singing country music at Midwest and Texas music festivals. In her seventies she organized her own band, Miss Audrey and the SILVER DOLLAR BAND, and played stages at festivals in Iowa and Nebraska through the Midwest down to the Rio Grand Valley. She was a member of the National Traditional Country Music Association, Wahoo Traditional Country Dance Association, and the Professional Musicians and Entertainers Club of Iowa.

Audrey was a lifetime member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod during which time she served in numerous capacities included Sunday School teacher, Parish Relations Director and Director of Mid-Week Bible School.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 71 years, Dr. K.M. Johannsen of Storm Lake, and three sons, Dr. Mark (Melissa) of Fremont, Nebraska, Jess (Dr. Ann) of Claremont, California, Seth (Kay) of Harlan, Iowa, and six grandchildren: Lindi, Chelsey, Lacy, Tyler, Holly, Jeff, and 9 great grandchildren, and sister-in-law Harriet Leidholdt of St. Charles, Missouri.

Audrey was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Shirley Leidholdt Kritchman, and her brother Rev. James H. Leidholdt.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **12.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Funeral Service

JUN **13.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church
1407 W. 5th St.
Storm Lake, IA 50588
<http://www.gracestormlake.com>

Tribute Wall

JO

“ *Jacque Olson lit a candle in memory of Audrey Johannsen*



Jacque Olson - October 02, 2024 at 12:27 AM

JO

“ *Jacque Olson lit a candle in memory of Audrey Johannsen*



Jacque Olson - June 13, 2024 at 08:55 PM

JH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Jensen Funeral Homes - June 13, 2024 at 10:52 AM

HS

“ *Heartland Funeral Home Staff purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Audrey Joan Johannsen.*



Heartland Funeral Home Staff - June 12, 2024 at 01:46 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Audrey Joan Johannsen.*



June 11, 2024 at 09:53 PM



“ *Lee Johannsen and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Audrey Joan Johannsen.*



Lee Johannsen and family - June 11, 2024 at 05:00 PM



“ *90 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 11, 2024 at 04:51 PM

JF

“ Jim Kunath family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Audrey Joan Johannsen.



Jim Kunath family - June 11, 2024 at 04:50 PM

CF

“ Chelsey's Manchester Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Audrey Joan Johannsen.

Chelsey's Manchester Family - June 11, 2024 at 12:44 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Audrey Joan Johannsen.



June 11, 2024 at 12:44 PM

AD

“ and Radiology Department planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Audrey Joan Johannsen.

and Radiology Department - June 11, 2024 at 12:32 PM

AD

“ *and Radiology Department purchased the Sweet est Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Audrey Joan Johannsen.*



and Radiology Department - June 11, 2024 at 12:32 PM

BH

“ *From a good friend. Bob Hantsbarger, Schaller...Miss Audrey, as I affectionally called her, encouraged me to pick up my guitar and begin singing again. Numerous times, she invited me to the gatherings at the Sandford Museum in Cherokee for Sunday afternoon Jam sessions. I eventually accepted her invitation to entertain at the Storm Lake Municipal Golf Course Club House. That was the start of a group we called, The Club House Band,,,,,playing at the dinner date was a lot of fun for a group made up of Miss Audrey on guitar, vocals, a purcussion device she made work with her foot, Gene Kestel on Saxaphone and vocals, Roger Christiansen on keyboard and vocals and Bob Hantsbarger on guitar and vocals. After a lot of good times and memories, Miss Audrey decided her hearing would be a problem for her to continue performing.*

Miss Audrey was a lovely, talented, caring and sharing lady always to be remembered by her husband, sons with their families and friends.

I am blessed to have known her, Bob Hantsbarger..... .

Bob Hantsbarger - June 10, 2024 at 11:05 PM

SL

“ Steve, Sandy and Harriet Leidholdt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Audrey Joan Johannsen.

Steve, Sandy and Harriet Leidholdt - June 10, 2024 at 10:28 PM

SL

“ Steve, Sandy and Harriet Leidholdt purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Audrey Joan Johannsen.



Steve, Sandy and Harriet Leidholdt - June 10, 2024 at 10:28 PM

BC

“ Brad & Cathy purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Audrey Joan Johannsen.



Brad & Cathy - June 09, 2024 at 03:17 PM

JY

“ Jane Kritchman- Young purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Audrey Joan Johannsen.



Jane Kritchman- Young - June 09, 2024 at 02:56 PM

SF

“ Audrey was quite the lady! I always remember in church bible class we were discussing the lottery and the sin of it! Her comment was “the devil had the use of it when we buy the ticket but the Good Lord will sure get a good crack of it if I win!” Lol



Steve Frank - June 09, 2024 at 02:00 PM

DJ

“ Debra Jesse lit a candle in memory of Audrey Johannsen



Debra Jesse - June 09, 2024 at 08:48 AM