



## Barbara "Jo" Nielsen

September 10, 1933 - June 13, 2015

Barbara "Jo" Nielsen, age 81, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Saturday, June 13, 2015 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. Burial will follow in the Storm Lake Cemetery. Visitation will take place Tuesday, June 16, 2015 from 5-8:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Jo was born September 10, 1933 in Galva, Iowa, the daughter of Louis and Rosena (Caboth) Otto. She was the youngest of six children.

Jo was baptized at the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake in 1946.

She attended school at Hayes Township, where she graduated in 1951.

On June 22, 1953, Jo was united in marriage to Gilbert Raymond Nielsen in Storm Lake. Together they were blessed with four children: Barbi, Becky, Brenda, and Tracy. Jo was a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake where she was active in United Methodist Women.

Jo was involved in the community and loved to volunteer. She spent over ten years volunteering in Nancy Thompson's kindergarten class where she was fondly known as "Grandma Jo" to many children over the years. She also enjoyed volunteering in the ESL adult education program.

Jo especially loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. They all held a special place in her heart. Over the years Jo had many passions. She enjoyed dancing, ceramics, playing cards, reading and traveling in the motor home with Gil. Jo loved to tease and be teased. She had a wonderful sense of humor and a huge heart. Being around people and visiting brought great joy to her. Because of her love for baking, she

always had a fresh dessert prepared in case someone dropped by. She will be deeply missed and will remain in our hearts forever.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Barbi (Steve) Hansen of Johnston, Iowa; Becky (Dave) Reeves of Danville, California; Brenda (Jon) Rogers of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Tracy (Lora) Nielsen of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Erin (Chris) Pepe of New York, New York; Josh Hansen of San Francisco, California; Emily (Erich) Pomrening of Superior, Colorado; Andrew Reeves of San Francisco, California; Wayne (Lindsay) Rogers of Omaha, Nebraska; Jason (Samantha) Rogers of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Alisa Rogers of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Allyson Nielsen of Chicago, Illinois; Sara Nielsen of Storm Lake, Iowa; great grandchild, Jonas Rogers of Omaha, Nebraska; sister, Betty Lee of Atlanta, Georgia; sister-in-law, Lou Otto of Willard, Missouri; extended family and friends.

Jo was preceded in death by her parents, husband Gilbert, her brothers Merrill and Gordon Otto, and her sisters Frances Farmer and Shirley Kirlin.

A memorial in Jo's name has been established.

# Cemetery Details

## Storm Lake Cemetery

Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 16.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

**JUN 17.** 10:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church -- Storm Lake  
211 East 3rd Street  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

## Interment

**JUN 17** (CT)

Storm Lake Cemetery  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara "Jo" Nielsen*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 16, 2015 at 10:48 AM

LA

“ *I am so sorry. Your mother was a wonderful woman. I have many good memories of her, welcoming me into your home on West Milwaukee and talking with her many times again at the condo on the lake. I learned of her death just last night. So sorry I couldn't be there to give you all hugs. Take care! -- Liz Anderson, Ankeny*

Liz Anderson - June 18, 2015 at 07:56 AM

TC

“ *Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Barbara "Jo" Nielsen*



Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - June 16, 2015 at 01:07 PM

TF

“ *The Steele Family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Barbara "Jo" Nielsen.*



The Steele Family - June 15, 2015 at 10:45 PM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara "Jo" Nielsen.*



June 15, 2015 at 07:16 PM

BO

“ *The Hansen's church family at St Paul Presbyterian Church in Johnston, IA would like to express our condolences and prayers for Barbi, Steve, Lona, and all affected by Jo's death. May the God of all comfort, comfort you in your grief.*

Bill O'Connell - June 15, 2015 at 04:26 PM

JA

*Please accept my condolences Barbie , Steve and Lona, Your Mom was an Awesome Lady I will never forget her 🌹 Rest in peace Grandma Jo 🌹🌹*

Juany Aguilar - June 16, 2015 at 10:34 AM



“ *Lynn Snyder lit a candle in memory of Barbara "Jo" Nielsen*



Lynn Snyder - June 15, 2015 at 08:45 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara "Jo" Nielsen.*



June 15, 2015 at 07:55 AM