



## Bonnie M. Eckerman

June 11, 1931 - October 2, 2015

Bonnie M. Eckerman, age 84, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Friday, October 2, 2015 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

Funeral Mass will be held Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Holstein, Iowa. Burial will follow in the Calvary Cemetery in Holstein. Visitation will take place Tuesday, October 6, 2015 from 5-8:00 p.m. with a rosary service at 7:30 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.

Bonnie Marie Miller was born June 11, 1931 in Cherokee, Iowa, the daughter of Elmer and Marie (Raymond) Miller.

Bonnie was baptized into the Catholic faith, and was later confirmed.

She attended country school through eighth grade, graduating from Schaller High School in 1949.

On November 8, 1950, Bonnie was united in marriage to Romane Eckerman, son of Elmer and Pearl Eckerman, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Schaller, Iowa. Together they were blessed with four children: Rick, Curt, Deb, and Jean.

Bonnie was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Holstein where she served as a CCD teacher for over twenty years. Bonnie became a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church once she moved to Storm Lake. She was a very faithful woman, and was always willing to volunteer at church.

One of Bonnie's greatest joys in life were her children. She loved knitting and crocheting for family members, especially blankets for her grandchildren. She enjoyed playing board games and cards with her grandchildren, but was also a great caretaker when her mother became older. She will be remembered for her wonderful cooking and baking skills. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her daughters: Deb Leith of Urbandale, Iowa; Jean (Jeff) Chindlund of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Erin Eckerman, Kelli Eckerman, Hanna Finney, Traci (Jason) Osborne, Mike Leith (fiancé, Tracy), Kristi Meyer, Lori (Josh) Griffith, Andrew Chindlund, Sarah Chindlund; eleven great grandchildren; brother, Elmer (Vivian) Miller of Prescott, Arizona; Darlene (Don) Saathoff of Baxter, Minnesota; brother-in-law, Tom (Sharon) Eckerman; sister-in-law, Mary Jo Eckerman; extended family and many friends.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents; parents-in-law; husband, Romane; two sons, Rick and Curt; and son-in-law, Bill Leith.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 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>

## Rosary

OCT 6. 7:30 PM (CT)

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## Vigil Service

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## Service

OCT 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Holstein, IA  
517 S. Mueller Avenue  
Holstein, IA 51025

## Interment

OCT 7 (CT)

Calvary Cemetery -- Holstein, IA  
Holstein, IA, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bonnie M. Eckerman*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - October 06, 2015 at 03:07 PM

MK

“ *1 file added to the album From Marilyn Kofmehl*



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**Marilyn Kofmehl** - October 11, 2015 at 07:46 AM

JC

*I love it, thanks for posting*

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**Jean Chindlund** - October 15, 2015 at 10:16 AM

AK

“ I grew up in Holstein, Iowa where the adage "It takes a village to raise a child" was not just a trope, but my reality. Bonnie was a part of that village, and one of my favorites. She babysat my brother Karl and I throughout our younger years. We gave her the affectionate moniker "Grandma Bonnie", because she truly was like a third grandmother to us. I remember her collection of music boxes and what a special privilege it was to choose one to listen to each day. She made the best bologna & cheese sandwiches and treats and played jenga and cards with us. If I was particularly well behaved she let me take my "naps" in the room with a tv so I could watch soaps with her :) The memories could go on. She truly was a special and kind woman who's love and attention was a gift to my brother and I. She will surely be missed by all who knew and loved her. My thoughts and prayers are with her closest friends and family.

Love you Grandma Bonnie,  
Anne Kofmehl

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Anne Kofmehl - October 06, 2015 at 09:51 PM

JC

thank you for sharing your memories. She loved having you and Karl at her house!

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Jean Chindlund - October 07, 2015 at 04:18 PM

JT

“ To the family, on behalf of my wife Debbie and myself we extend our prayers and condolences. My sister Sharon and I, visited Bonnie this spring and spent time together talking about memories of our past which I know Bonnie enjoyed as well as my sister and I. You can take comfort in knowing Bonnie is now in the hands of God where she will have peace and joy for all eternity.

Jay Tentinger  
(Cousin of Bonnie's)

Jay Tentinger - October 06, 2015 at 08:24 PM

JC

thank you, she always enjoyed those visits too!

Jean Chindlund - October 07, 2015 at 04:19 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Funeral Home - October 06, 2015 at 04:33 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Bonnie M. Eckerman.



October 06, 2015 at 02:49 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Bonnie M. Eckerman.



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October 06, 2015 at 12:46 AM



“ Tim And Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Bonnie M. Eckerman



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**Tim and Pegi Cavanaugh** - October 05, 2015 at 09:36 AM



“ When I was young, Bonnie was like a "3rd" grandmother to me. She often baby-sat my sister and me. I was pretty young, but I still remember getting to "play" with her many music boxes that she collected, watching cartoons from her impressive collection, and playing wheel of fortune on her computer. Lovely, lovely lady that I'm so happy is now finally reunited with her husband.

*My condolences to her family and close friends.*

~K

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**Karl K** - October 04, 2015 at 10:13 PM



*thank you for sharing your memories with our mom. You and your sister had a special place in her heart.*

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**Jean Chindlund** - October 07, 2015 at 04:20 PM

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**Jean Chindlund** - October 04, 2015 at 09:02 PM

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**Jean Chindlund** - October 04, 2015 at 08:44 PM

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**Jean Chindlund** - October 04, 2015 at 08:43 PM

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**Jean Chindlund** - October 04, 2015 at 08:42 PM

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Jean Chindlund - October 04, 2015 at 08:37 PM

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Jean Chindlund - October 04, 2015 at 08:30 PM

JC

“ 14 files added to the album New Album Name



Jean Chindlund - October 04, 2015 at 08:18 PM

TM

“ Terry Mason lit a candle in memory of Bonnie M. Eckerman



Terry Mason - October 04, 2015 at 02:13 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Bonnie M. Eckerman.



October 04, 2015 at 02:03 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bonnie M. Eckerman.



October 04, 2015 at 10:59 AM

JD

“ John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Bonnie M. Eckerman



John and Connie Demers - October 03, 2015 at 02:24 PM