



Brenda R. Potratz

May 14, 1940 - April 17, 2022

Brenda R. Potratz, age 81, of Spencer, Iowa died on Sunday, April 17, 2022, at the Ruthven Community Care Center in Ruthven.

Funeral services will take place Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the First English Lutheran Church in Spencer, Iowa. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Alta, Iowa. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the CHURCH. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of arrangements.

Brenda Rae Finnestad was born May 14, 1940 to Amos and Cecilia (Stammer) Finnestad. As an infant, she was baptized and later confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in Fenton, Iowa.

Growing up, Brenda attended school in Fenton, Iowa where she graduated from Sentral High School in Fenton in 1958.

On January 16, 1959, Brenda was united in marriage to Roger Potratz at St. John Lutheran Church in Fenton. Together, they were blessed with five children: Lori, Lisa, Ricky, Lyn and Lee.

Brenda was best known for her longtime employment at Casey's General Store in Storm Lake, Iowa.

In her spare time, Brenda enjoyed playing cards and putting puzzles together with friends and family. Family was very important to Brenda, and she treasured spending time with them, especially at holiday gatherings. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Roger Potratz of Spencer, Iowa; children: Lori (Bruce) Gamble of Spirit Lake, Iowa; Lisa DeMan of Spencer, Iowa; Lyn (Steve) Nelson of Newell, Iowa; Lee (Wendy) Potratz of Bemidji, Minnesota; grandchildren: Matt (Angela) Friedrich of Sioux Rapids, Iowa; Tyler (special friend, Emily) DeMan of Polk City, Iowa; Justin (Amber) DeMan of North Liberty, Iowa; Blake (Khortni) Bohe of Early, Iowa; Brad (Chelsee) Bohe of Newell, Iowa; Brady (finance, Sidney Herrig) Bohe of Wall Lake, Iowa; Cade Nelson of Sioux City, Iowa; Caroline Nelson of New Castle, Nebraska; Owen Potratz of Bemidji, Minnesota; Adeline Potratz of Bemidji, Minnesota; 13 great grandchildren; sisters: Lois Wasson of Ringgold, Georgia; and Marlys Finnestad of Algona, Iowa; extended family and many friends.

Brenda was preceded in death by her parents, Amos and Cecilia Finnestad; infant son: Ricky Potratz; brothers: Bill Finnestad; Mark Finnestad; David Finnestad; and sister: Rosemary Urbick.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn

Alta, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First English Lutheran Church
1311 E. 18th Street
Spencer, IA 51301

Funeral Service

APR 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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1311 E. 18th Street
Spencer, IA 51301

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Brenda R. Potratz*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - April 20, 2022 at 01:28 PM

LD

Absolutely beautiful, thank you so much

Lisa deman - April 20, 2022 at 04:52 PM

LG

Beautiful! Thank YOU!

Lori Gamble - April 20, 2022 at 07:26 PM

SR

“ *Sarah Ruth lit a candle in memory of Brenda R. Potratz*



Sarah Ruth - April 20, 2022 at 06:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brenda R. Potratz.*



April 20, 2022 at 05:02 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Brenda R. Potratz.*



April 20, 2022 at 12:29 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memorial Folder*



Fratzke & Jensen - April 20, 2022 at 11:23 AM



“ *Connie Roche lit a candle in memory of Brenda R. Potratz*



connie roche - April 19, 2022 at 06:20 PM

LM

“ *Lee Johnson Martin lit a candle in memory of Brenda R. Potratz*



Lee Johnson Martin - April 19, 2022 at 03:55 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda R. Potratz.*



April 19, 2022 at 02:56 PM

LZ

“ *Loved Brendaalways so cheerful and friendly. She will be missed.*



Larry and Sue Zwemke - April 19, 2022 at 02:24 PM



“ *Sending hugs to the family and keeping you all in my prayers. Brenda was a wonderful person and will be missed by many!*



Jen Launderville - April 19, 2022 at 11:00 AM

MS

“ Mike & Staci Struthers lit a candle in memory of Brenda R. Potratz



Mike & Staci Struthers - April 19, 2022 at 10:28 AM

TC

“ Sorry to hear her light dimmed and is glowing brightly in heaven. Her smile was something readily given and lit up her face. I am glad I met her in this life. God Bless Brenda

Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - April 18, 2022 at 11:36 PM

LF

“ Love, Bob & Sue Potratz and Family! purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Brenda R. Potratz.



Love, Bob & Sue Potratz and Family! - April 18, 2022 at 11:02 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brenda R. Potratz.



April 18, 2022 at 09:34 PM

PH

“ Pam Henderson lit a candle in memory of Brenda R. Potratz



Pam Henderson - April 18, 2022 at 09:04 PM

SN

“ Brenda was our "neighbor across the alley" when she managed the Casey's in Storm Lake. Anytime I stopped in, I was greeted with a great smile and a wonderful attitude. She set the tone for the great fellow teammates in that store. Everyone there seemed to be a friend... almost like Cheers!

Just the other day I saw a connecting post on Facebook that mentioned Brenda, so I clicked on it and saw recent pictures of her and her family. I was so happy as I had not visited with Brenda in years. It was quite a surprise to hear of her passing.

My thoughts and prayers are for Roger and the entire Potratz family. I have many great memories of this wonderful lady.

Steve Neuroth Fort Worth, Texas

Steve Neuroth - April 18, 2022 at 07:51 PM

BP

“ Barb Meyer (Walmart Pharmacy) lit a candle in memory of Brenda R. Potratz



Barb Meyer (walmart pharmacy) - April 18, 2022 at 06:19 PM

DB

“ Roger and family,

*I'm so sorry to hear about Brenda.
My sympathy to your family.*

Dayle Broocks



Dayle Broocks - April 18, 2022 at 03:35 PM

RF

“ Rita And Mark Fitzgerald lit a candle in
memory of Brenda R. Potratz



Rita and Mark Fitzgerald - April 18, 2022 at 12:28 PM

SF

Roger and family she was one great lady that never failed to smile that lit up the whole room. Brenda at 5:00 Thursday, I am going to raise a glass of wine to you and think about our visits. Sandy and Larry Firebaugh.

Sandy firebaugh - April 18, 2022 at 07:32 PM