



## Carol Joan Kruse

September 17, 1933 - June 26, 2024

Carol Joan Kruse, age 90, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will take place Monday, July 1, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in rural Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery. Visitation will take place Sunday, June 30, 2024 from 3-5:00 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.

Carol Joan Stern was born September 17, 1933 to Emil and Rose Louise (Grieme) Stern in Storm Lake. On January 24, 1954, Carol was united in marriage to Don Kruse at Zion Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Don and Carol were blessed with seven children: Retha, Renee, Russell, Randy, Ramon, Rhonda, and Rebecca.

Carol was always on the go and cleaned houses in Storm Lake for years. She sewed all her girls' clothing and loved tending to her vegetable and flower garden. In her younger years, Carol enjoyed playing in golf league. She looked forward to game nights, playing cards and Bingo. In her free time, Carol found joy in crafts and feeding the birds. More than anything, Carol treasured time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Left to cherish the memory of Carol include her children: Retha (Jerry) Wirth of Spencer, Iowa; Renee (Tom) Phillips of Laurens, Iowa; Russell (Sandy) Kruse of Alta, Iowa; Randy (Julie) Kruse of Storm Lake, Iowa; Ramon (Denise Bock) Kruse of Belmond, Iowa; Rhonda (Richard) Archer of Bricelyn, Minnesota; Rebecca (Jeff) Kindwall of Spirit Lake, Iowa; brother: Merlin (Bernice) Stern; grandchildren: Jayme (Mandie) Richter; Kari (Jeremy) Rausch; DeaDra (Mark) Jeter; Carl (Melissa) Brent; Vanessa (Henry) Harder; Ameer Lundberg; Monica Munro; Katie (Brandon) Berkland; Robyn (Patrick) Diekman; Traci (Matt) Beerbower; Trista (Mark) Mikkelson; Tiffany (Tyler) Kruid; Mandi Kruse; Tiffanie (Jay Gray) Kruse; Trista (Brian) Burke; Ryan (Jessica) Kruse; Jessica Greene; Megan (Matt) Spreacker; Allison (Colby Stevens) Lundgren; Kyle Bock; Nash (Samantha) Bock; Shawn (Michelle) Archer; Shannon (Corrie) Archer; Shaina (Ty) Watson; Derek (Kelsey) Kindwall; Riley (Mara) Kindwall; great-grandchildren: Dakota (Manuel) Harms; Kailee; Aubree; Dylan (Alli); Peyton; Gavin; Austin; Evan; Collin; Owen; Evelyn; Caroline; Madison; Abbigal; Drew; Jake; Morgan; Kennady; Hayden; Mia; Braydon; Benson; Cooper; Cora; Austin; Matty; Eastyn; Collins; Jack; Xandra; Sydney (Brett Wells); Brennan; Landen; Hunter; Noah; Brody; Braxton; Brayden; Evan; Ellie; Lenix; Kadin; Adyson; Isabella; Braylen; Paige; Bowen; Avery; Parker; Devan; Carter; Hailey; Samantha; Ryder; Carson; Jackson; Nolan; Kezli; Maverick; Waylon; Watson; great-great grandchildren: Bentley; Mia; Kolsen; Alex; Alivia; siblings-in-law: Janice Kruse; Audrey Stern; many nieces and nephews, cousins, and extended family.

She is preceded in death by her parents: Emil and Rose Stern; husband: Donald Kruse; brothers: Verle Stern; Kenneth Stern; great-great grandchildren: Hannah and Aiden Kruse; Gage Burke; nephew: David Stern; and great-nephew: Justin Stoner.

# Cemetery Details

## Zion Lutheran Cemetery

1725 555th St.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 30. 3:00 PM - 5:00 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

JUL 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church  
1725 555th St  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carol Joan Kruse*



**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - June 29, 2024 at 10:38 PM



“ *She had a great laugh, Will always remember her laugh. Thoughts and prayers with you all*

**Lauri Baumann** - July 09, 2024 at 10:07 PM

BV

“ *Barbara Veit lit a candle in memory of Carol Kruse*



**Barbara Veit** - June 30, 2024 at 10:16 PM

JH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



**Jensen Funeral Homes** - June 30, 2024 at 03:52 PM



“ 315 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 29, 2024 at 06:25 PM



“ Arnold Motor Supply purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Carol Joan Kruse.



Arnold Motor Supply - June 29, 2024 at 03:39 PM



“ Arnold Motor Supply planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Joan Kruse.

Arnold Motor Supply - June 29, 2024 at 03:39 PM

RO

“ *Redenbaugh and Mohr Law Office purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Carol Joan Kruse.*



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**Redenbaugh and Mohr Law Office** - June 28, 2024 at 06:01 PM

WT

“ *Wilbur/Karen Triplett lit a candle in memory of Carol Kruse*



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**Wilbur/Karen Triplett** - June 28, 2024 at 03:27 PM

DF

“ *Darrell Eddie and family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Carol Joan Kruse.*



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**Darrell Eddie and family** - June 27, 2024 at 01:47 PM

SS

“ *Sorry for your loss prayers and hugs to all*



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**Shelly schossow** - June 26, 2024 at 10:41 PM

JD

“ *John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Carol Kruse*



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**John/Connie Demers** - June 26, 2024 at 10:19 PM

CR

“ *connie roche lit a candle in memory of Carol Kruse*



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**connie roche** - June 26, 2024 at 06:09 PM