



## Charleen Anderson

October 11, 1932 - January 29, 2019

Charleen Anderson, age 86, of Storm Lake, Iowa, died on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at her home surrounded by family.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place prior to the service at the church starting at 1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Storm Lake United Methodist Church: 211 E 3rd St. Storm Lake, Iowa 50588; or to Genesis Development: 1607 North Lake Ave. Storm Lake, Iowa 50588. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Charleen Ruth Rush, the daughter of William and Esther (Kusch) Rush, was born on October 11, 1932, in Hawarden, Iowa. Char was baptized as an infant by her great uncle. She was raised and grew up in the Methodist faith.

Char attended grade school and high school in Hawarden, graduating in 1951. She continued her education at St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Sioux City, Iowa, where she played competitively on a softball team. She earned her nursing degree in 1954.

On May 6, 1955, Char was united in marriage to David Anderson in Hawarden. The couple was blessed with three children: Debra, Jane, and Barbara.

Char was a long-time member of the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. She was also a member of PEO and played in many bridge clubs. Dave and Char lived in Le Mars and Sac City before moving to Storm Lake in 1966. She worked as a dedicated and caring nurse at the BV Hospital until 1985 and then as a Judicial Mental Health Advocate in Buena Vista County until the age of 80. She also volunteered her time unselfishly, and was honored for those efforts by then governor Terry Branstad.

Char enjoyed playing bridge, doing word puzzles, golfing, reading, and watching the "wild

life” in her backyard. She further enjoyed giving golf tips to her husband, whether he wanted them or not! Trips to Florida and cheering for her beloved Iowa Hawkeyes were also favorite pastimes. Her family and friends may remember her as just a little bit competitive! Above all, Char loved spending time loving on her grandchildren and new great-granddaughter. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband of 63 years, David “Dave” Anderson of Storm Lake; her children: Debra (Larry) Starr of Iowa City, Iowa; Jane (Jeff) Johannesen of Waukee, Iowa; and Barbara (Tim) Murphy of Albertville, Minnesota; grandchildren: Amber (Ted Johnson) Starr, David (Shelbi) Johannesen, Jacob Johannesen, Claire (Matthew) Creason, Eric Murphy, and Ethan Murphy; great-granddaughter, Avery Starr; and many other relatives and dear friends.

Char was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, and two sisters.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 2. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

FEB 2. 3:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Charleen Anderson.*



February 02, 2019 at 10:43 AM

DS

“ *Debra Starr lit a candle in memory of Charleen Anderson*



**debra starr** - February 01, 2019 at 08:58 PM

SM

“ *Char was a beautiful person, inside and out. Her work with the mentally ill population was truly a gift to those in Buena Vista County. Her heart always lead her decisions to help whenever possible. Char will be missed by many and I hope her family knows we appreciated them sharing her with us. May your memories sustain you in the days ahead as you find a new normal in this life without Char.*



**Sue Morrow** - February 01, 2019 at 03:31 PM

PG

“ *A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF CHARLEEN ANDERSON. REMEMBER HER AS A GREAT NURSE OF YEARS AGO, AS SHE HELPED DELIVER OUR OLDEST DAUGHTER. ALWAYS LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT HER. OUR SYMPATHY TO HER HUSBAND & ALL HER FAMILY. MAY SHE RIP.*



*OUR PRAYERS TO ALL,  
LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE*

**Patty Gunville** - February 01, 2019 at 10:05 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Charleen Anderson.



February 01, 2019 at 09:29 AM



“ Lynn Snyder lit a candle in memory of Charleen Anderson



Lynn Snyder - January 31, 2019 at 02:01 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Charleen Anderson.



January 31, 2019 at 01:21 PM



“ Barbara Murphy lit a candle in memory of Charleen Anderson



Barbara Murphy - January 30, 2019 at 08:44 PM



“ John/Connie Swenson Demers lit a candle in memory of Charleen Anderson



John/Connie Swenson Demers - January 30, 2019 at 05:51 PM

LS

“ Larry and Shirley purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Charleen Anderson.



Larry and Shirley - January 30, 2019 at 02:56 PM

RM

“ Randy & Mona Mason lit a candle in memory of Charleen Anderson



Randy & Mona Mason - January 30, 2019 at 01:38 PM

JW

“ Joye Walker purchased the Sincerest Sorrow - Pink and White for the family of Charleen Anderson.



Joye Walker - January 30, 2019 at 01:01 PM

DS

“ Mom loved watching the Iowa Hawkeyes but she never made it through watching a football game without running to the bathroom and plugging her ears so she wouldn't see the final outcome! She would yell out to us asking for the score or what was happening and we would just laugh...

debra starr - January 30, 2019 at 12:25 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 30, 2019 at 09:50 AM

DP

“ Dave, Deb, Jane, Barb and Families - I am so sorry to hear of Char's passing. She was a great lady and a good friend and card playing buddy to my mom as well as a good neighbor in Park Court. Please know that I am thinking of you all at this sad time.

Sincerely,

*Diane Vilas Porter*



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**Diane Porter** - January 29, 2019 at 03:22 PM