



Coletta Ann Wernimont

May 3, 1930 - September 1, 2023

Coletta Ann “Tootie” Wernimont, age 93, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Friday, September 1, 2023 at the Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda, Iowa. Burial will be in the Mount Zion Catholic Cemetery in Fonda. Visitation will be held Tuesday, September 5, 2023 from 5-7:00 p.m. with Rosary at 6:45 p.m. and Prayer Vigil at 7:00 p.m., all at the CHURCH. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center Foundation Nursing Scholarship at <https://www.bvrmc.org/give/>. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Tootie was born on May 3, 1930 to Joseph and Josephine (Haberl) Steffes in Roselle, Iowa. She was baptized and confirmed at Holy Angels Catholic Church in Roselle, where she also attended school through the eighth grade. She proudly graduated with her GED in 1994. Tootie was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda, Iowa. Most recently, she was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Storm Lake, Iowa.

On January 3, 1949, Tootie was united in marriage to Leo W. Wernimont at the Holy Angels Catholic Church in Roselle. The couple were blessed with ten children: James, Gerald, William, Susan, Karen, Kathleen, Joan, Lisa, Daniel, and Ann. Leo and Tootie lived in rural Pocahontas until they moved to a farm north of Fonda in 1962. In 1997, they moved into town. After Leo passed away in 2018, she moved to Otsego Place Assisted Living in Storm Lake. She settled into Methodist Manor in the fall of 2022.

Tootie had a serving heart. She delivered Meals on Wheels and was a volunteer for local elections. Tootie was a member of Freedom Quilts, Holy Family Society, and Catholic Daughters of America. She enjoyed playing cards and belonged to Bridge and 500 clubs. Tootie loved sewing and quilting, reading, visiting with friends and gardening. Most of all, she loved her family visiting. She and Leo were very quick to get the cards out and try to

win! You could always count on a hot meal, sweet rolls on Sundays and awesome desserts!

Left to cherish Tootie's memory include her children: James (Cheryl) Wernimont of Fonda; William (Jackie) Wernimont of Neenah, WI; Karen (Denny) Kakacek of Watertown, SD; Kathleen (Bill) Daniel of Fonda; Joan (Ken) Mohr of Fonda; Lisa (Jaime) Chanez of Norfolk, VA; Daniel (Jess) Wernimont of Fonda; Ann (Lee) Evans of Norwalk, Iowa; 29 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Joseph and Josephine Steffes; husband Leo W. Wernimont; brothers Lawrence Steffes, Norbert Steffes; sisters Hilda Schroeder, Lucille Galloway, Irene Ertz, Elizabeth Wittrock, Florence Kokenge, Bernice Irlmeier; infant daughter Susan Wernimont; son Gerald Wernimont; and great-grandson Kyle Lamb.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery

Fonda, IA 50540

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Fonda
513 North Main Street
Fonda, IA 50540

Rosary

SEP 5. 6:45 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Fonda
513 North Main Street
Fonda, IA 50540

Vigil Service

SEP 5. 7:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Fonda
513 North Main Street
Fonda, IA 50540

Funeral Service

SEP 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Fonda
513 North Main Street
Fonda, IA 50540

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Coletta Ann Wernimont*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - September 04, 2023 at 03:18 PM



“ *My sympathies to your family. I enjoyed taking care of and visiting with Tootie while she was at Otsego Place. She always had a nice smile, which made me happy to see her!*
Sonia Haahr, CMA

Sonia Haahr - September 12, 2023 at 01:41 PM

BA

“ *Condolences in this time of sorrow . . . The legacy of Leo & Tootie lives on in the wonderful family they created. Sympathy to all. Beverly Nedved Amoroso*



Beverly Amoroso - September 06, 2023 at 11:03 AM

BE

“ *We will miss the ever present smile and her sweet and gentle nature. May peace and comfort be with all of Tootie's family.*
Beth Dawson

Beth - September 06, 2023 at 09:02 AM

TR

“ *Aunt Tootie was such a sweet lady. Condolences to all her family. I remember her from all the Steffes family reunions in Carroll. Hugs and prayers to all cousins.*

Tim and Terry Rausch - September 05, 2023 at 03:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Coletta Ann Wernimont.



September 05, 2023 at 01:18 PM



“ 13 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - September 05, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Coletta Ann Wernimont.



September 05, 2023 at 10:56 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers to Tootie’s family on her call Home. May Christ’s Peace be with you all.*

Randy & Marilyn Schmitt - September 04, 2023 at 06:01 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - September 04, 2023 at 02:44 PM

BR

“ *Bev Reis lit a candle in memory of Coletta Wernimont*



Bev Reis - September 04, 2023 at 01:34 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Coletta Ann Wernimont.*



September 04, 2023 at 09:17 AM

ML

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Wernimont family in the loss of your mother. May God wrap His arms around you and give you peace.*



Mary Lange - September 03, 2023 at 09:06 PM

JM

Thank you Mary

Joan Mohr - September 05, 2023 at 12:40 AM

SM

“ *Thinking of all the Wernimont family at this time. Many fond memories of Leo and Tootie.*



Sharon Meyer - September 03, 2023 at 07:16 PM

JM

Thank you Sharon

Joan Mohr - September 05, 2023 at 12:40 AM

PD

“ Tootie was a lovely lady! I took communion to her at Otsego Place and she always had a happy smile. Blessings to all of you.
Pat Davidson

Patricia Davidson - September 03, 2023 at 04:25 PM

JM

Thank you for doing that!

Joan Mohr - September 05, 2023 at 12:39 AM

WT

“ Wilbur/Karen Triplett sent a virtual gift in memory of Coletta Wernimont



Wilbur/Karen Triplett - September 03, 2023 at 11:31 AM

WT

“ Tootie was a sweetie. Loved it when she joined our family celebrations at Methodist Manor. She will be missed

Wilbur/Karen Triplett - September 03, 2023 at 11:30 AM

JM

She did feel at home with your family!

Joan Mohr - September 03, 2023 at 04:44 PM

JM

Thank you for sharing your family get togethers with Mom. She loved family!

Joan Mohr - September 03, 2023 at 06:20 PM

WT

“ Tootie was such a sweetie. Loved it when she would join our family celebrations at Methodist Manor. She will be missed.



Wilbur/Karen Triplett - September 03, 2023 at 10:41 AM

PG

“ *Our Sympathy to Tootie's family. May she now RIP.*

*JOY & PEACE,
LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE*



PATTY GUNVILLE - September 02, 2023 at 03:19 PM

JM

Thank you Patty! Take care.

Joan Mohr - September 05, 2023 at 02:16 PM