



Donna M. Whalen

March 23, 1927 - September 16, 2014

Donna M. Whalen, age 87, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be Saturday, September 20, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Galva United Methodist Church in Galva, Iowa. Burial will follow in the Galva Township East Cemetery. Visitation will take place Friday, September 19, 2014 from 5-8:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Donna Miriam Babcock was born March 23, 1927 to Guy Vernon and Alberta Mae (Hanson) Babcock. She was born at the family farm home four miles northeast of Galva, Iowa.

Donna was baptized and confirmed at the Galva Methodist Church.

She attended twelve years of school, graduating in May 1944 from Galva High School.

On September 15, 1946, Donna was united in marriage to Kenneth Whalen at the Galva Methodist Church. To this union, they were blessed with three children: Leonard, Phyllis, and Delbert.

Kenneth and Donna farmed near Galva until March 1950 when they moved two miles north of Storm Lake, Iowa. They farmed this land for the next 22 years. In February 1972, they moved into a home they built on Walnut Street in Storm Lake.

In the 1960's, Donna was a girls 4-H leader for five years. The last year she guided two groups of girls, the older girls and then started a younger group as well.

Over the years, Donna donated blood to the Red Cross and the Sioux Land Blood Bank. She donated thirteen and a half gallons throughout her life, something she was very proud of.

Donna's hobbies included sewing, quilting, crafting, refinishing furniture, and collecting music boxes, birds, fowl, and dolls. Many hours were spent in her later years putting puzzles together and playing cards. Also to keep her hands busy, and to help others, she started sewing lap robes for Veteran's Hospitals. She generously sewed wheel chair bags, laundry bags for the homeless, and school bags for church.

Donna loved people in general. Her family and friends meant the world to her. Yes, she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt to many.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children and their spouses: Leonard (Ann) Whalen of Renton, Washington; Phyllis (Donald) Jackson of Storm Lake, Iowa; Delbert (Vicky) Whalen of Linn Grove, Iowa; grandchildren: Shayla (Kent) Witzke; Edward Coleman Jackson (special friend, Sara Tyler); Brian (Jill) Jackson; Christopher Benjamin Whalen; Elizabeth Ann Whalen; great-grandchildren: Brady Witzke, Becca Witzke, John Witzke, Coleman Edward Jackson, Sarah Jackson, Brooke Jackson, Braden Jackson, Brittany Jackson, Amelia Ann Whalen; great-great grandchild, Leah Witzke; brother, Eugene Babcock of Ames, Iowa; sisters, Shirley (Russell) Pepper of Storm

Lake, Iowa; Vera Jean (Robert) Meyer of West Des Moines, Iowa; brother-in-law, Bud Peterson of Galva, Iowa; sisters-in-law: Arlene Babcock of Galva, Iowa; Ada Babcock of Washington; Bonnie Whalen of Des Moines, Iowa; Maxine Flanagan of Des Moines, Iowa; many other relatives and friends.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, Guy and Mae Babcock; husband of 53 years, Kenneth Whalen who died December 1999; twin sister, Dorothy Boock; sisters, Bonnie Hartshorn-Pyle, and Lovice Peterson; brothers, Lloyd and Howard Babcock.

Cemetery Details

Galva Township East Cemetery --Galva

Galva, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

SEP **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Galva United Methodist Church
Galva, IA

Interment

SEP **20** (CT)

Galva Township East Cemetery --Galva
Galva, IA

Tribute Wall

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“ *So sorry for your loss. Crystal Cook*



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“ *A GREAT LADY. PRAYERS OF COMFORT TO THE FAMILY.
RANDY AND CINDY JACOBSON*

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