



## Doris "Pat" Berge

January 26, 1928 - December 17, 2024

Doris "Pat" Berge, age 96, of Storm Lake, Iowa died December 17, 2024 at Richmond Terrace Assisted Living in Bellevue, Nebraska.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, December 28, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. To view a livestream of the service by St. Mark's Lutheran Church, use the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/stmarkstormlake/>. Burial will be in the Storm Lake Cemetery. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the CHURCH. In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established by the family to plant trees in the Storm Lake Cemetery or purchase a bench to be placed in Seneca Park in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Doris Arlene Nelson was born January 26, 1928, the daughter of Carl and Nora (Anderson) Nelson. She was baptized and confirmed at the Lutheran Church in Marathon, Iowa. In 1946, Doris graduated from Garfield School in Webb, Iowa. After high school, Doris would ride the bus from Sioux Rapids to Sioux City to attend the Methodist School of Nursing. Her friend, Esther Brock was also going to school there. Doris enjoyed attending classes with Esther in the fall and working in the summer. She graduated with her RN degree in 1949.

After graduation, Doris went to the University of Minnesota to work for 6 months before moving to Spencer, Iowa to be near Bill. She worked in Spencer for 6 months, then moved to Storm Lake, Iowa. On March 1, 1952, Doris was united in marriage to Bill Berge at the Marathon Lutheran Church. They bought a 21-foot trailer to live in until they built their home. Bill would walk to work while Doris drove. They moved into their new home with only the downstairs finished. After Bill and Doris began to have children, they finished the upstairs of their house. They then sold their trailer to Otto furniture to buy furniture for their house. As her children grew older, Doris served as Girl Scouts leader and traveled to Europe and Mexico with the scouts. She was also a member of the Buena Vista County Garden Club and the Central Bank Emerald Club.

Doris worked as a nurse for over 50 years until she gave up her license at the age of 70 years old. She then worked in Central Supply until she was 75. In her free time, Doris enjoyed traveling, camping, and walking all over Storm Lake and Okoboji. Doris also enjoyed putting together puzzles. She looked forward to playing Bingo and watching sports. Most recently, Doris was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Storm Lake where she was a member of the sewing club. She was a talented seamstress and especially enjoyed making backpacks for children in need.

Doris is survived by her children: Janice (Lyle) Hague of Omaha, Nebraska; Jane Kuchta of Brookings, South Dakota; Jim (Cathy) Berge of LaCross, Wisconsin; siblings: Bob (Linda) Nelson of Marathon, Iowa; Lois DeGonda of Chisago City, Minnesota; grandchildren: Trevor (Heather) Hague of Ringgold, Georgia; Carol (Kevin) Brown of Elizabeth, Colorado; Kim (Steven) Springer of Union, Kentucky; Kayla Berge of Washington; Eric Stone of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Jenny (Dusty) LeBrun of Colman, South Dakota; Alex (Anna) Kuchta of Morehead, Minnesota; Haley (John) Paris of Tomah, Wisconsin; great-grandchildren: Alexandria and Eli Hague; Elle and Teddy Springer; Jack,

Addy, Hunter, Levi, Cru, Oakley, and Grayson LeBrun; Brynlee and Bodhi Brown; Jackson Kramer; Octavia Paris; extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Berge; parents: Carl and Nora Nelson; sister: Betty Sharp; brother: Charlie Nelson; and son-in-law: Ron Stone.

# Cemetery Details

## Storm Lake Cemetery

Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church -- Storm Lake  
1614 West 5th Street  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
<http://www.stmarkstormlake.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Pat was my Grammas niece. We went to her house a lot. Now I live at the SLSH just a block away from her old house. I drive by it often. Remembering sitting at the kitchen table talking. I last saw her a Cetha memorial in April. My Sympathy to all.

Christina Frank - December 27, 2024 at 06:08 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - December 27, 2024 at 03:16 PM

LD

“ I am her sister Lois. After graduated from high school in 1952, I decided to go to BV College. Soon I didn't want to go anymore. She had been paying my tuition so she said if you quit you have to pay it back. I did finish a 2 year program and 17 years later I graduated from University of Minn. And taught school for 28 years in Bloomington School.

Lois DeGonda - December 27, 2024 at 09:35 AM



Good job Lois

Christina Frank - December 27, 2024 at 06:06 PM

JM

“ Julie McKinney lit a candle in memory of Doris Berge



Julie McKinney - December 26, 2024 at 06:43 PM

LF

“ LeBrun Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Doris "Pat" Berge.



LeBrun Family - December 26, 2024 at 02:17 PM

EM

“ It was an honor providing lawnmower care, service for the last years that she lived in Storm Lake. Although mostly sober by nature, I always tried to tell her a joke to get a laugh and a smile. Blessed be your memories of Doris.

Erik "Hondo" Mosbo - December 26, 2024 at 11:30 AM

DW

“ Dar Will lit a candle in memory of Doris Berge



Dar Will - December 26, 2024 at 07:11 AM

JD

“ *John/Connie Deners lit a candle in memory of Doris Berge*



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**John/Connie Deners** - December 19, 2024 at 08:13 AM

JT

*Jane, I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing.* 🥺❤️

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**Jean Toillion** - December 23, 2024 at 06:49 PM