



## Dorothy Pauline Franzmeier

September 15, 1936 - January 19, 2026

Dorothy Franzmeier, age 89, of Storm Lake, Iowa passed away January 19, 2026 in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will take place Monday, January 26, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in Lone Tree Cemetery in Sioux Rapids, Iowa. Visitation will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 from 4-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. To view a Livestream of the funeral service, use the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/xaUM8QuPiRE?si=nTrdINqfQr6AQDRO>. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Dorothy Pauline (Gilmour) Franzmeier was born on September 15, 1936 to Wilbur and Leona D. (George) Gilmour at home on their farm in rural Ida County. She & her sister went to country school just down the road, riding their horses there and then sending them back home. She later attended Ida Grove High School where she excelled not only in her schoolwork, but as a guard on the basketball court as well earning 1st Team All Conference honors. She graduated in 1954 and went on to Drake University for 2 years.

She first worked as a teller at the Arthur Trust & Savings Bank and later at Security Trust & Savings Bank and then Dekalb Seed Corn Company as a receptionist, both in Storm Lake. On May 3, 1959, she married Myron Franzmeier. They lived in Marathon before moving back to the family farm Myron grew up on, where she and Myron worked side-by-side since 1961 to establish their farm operation. The couple was blessed with Lori, Joni and Michael and were happily married for 58 years, until Myron passed away in 2018.

Dorothy was a member of Lakeside Presbyterian Church where she had served in the past as an Elder and a Deacon and was also a member of the Alpha Group. She served 9 years on the Albert City-Truesdale school board, belonged to Truesdale Farmers' Club, delivered Meals on Wheels and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. In her younger years, alongside her Dad and sister, she was a part of the Sac City All Palomino Horse Drill Team.

She enjoyed hosting or going out for a cup of coffee or to eat with family and friends..her kids, grandkids and their pets were always welcome! She enjoyed playing 500 with 3 card clubs, one which was active for 50+ years. What she enjoyed the most was attending as many of her childrens' and grandchildrens' sporting events and concerts as humanly possible. She will be remembered as a fixture and devoted fan at Sioux Central High School activities. She was also known for her excellent cooking and baking, especially her chocolate chip cookies. She never really retired from helping on the farm, feeding "the guys" lunch or running for parts right up until her death.

Her children, grandchildren and great-granddaughter brought her great pride and were the twinkle in her eye! She loved children of all ages and was a second Mom or Grandma figure to many. Last March she became a GG (Great Grandma) to Jojo and that was the icing on the cake! She had just traveled to Portland, Oregon with Joni and her girls in October 2025 to see Jojo in person for only the second time, but she loved seeing her on frequent Facetimes too.

Dorothy will always be remembered as a loving and caring wife, mother to Lori Apgar (Curt) of Washington, IL; Joni Johannsen (Steve Albert) of Storm Lake, Iowa; and Mike Franzmeier of Rembrandt, Iowa; beloved grandmother to Jack and Steven Apgar of Washington, IL, Chandler (Thad) Subra of Portland, Oregon; Chance Johannsen of Portland, Oregon, Berkley and Brogan Johannsen of Storm Lake, Iowa; Cole Franzmeier of Albert City; Emersyn Franzmeier of Rembrandt; and sweet great-grandmother to Johanna Joy ("Jojo") Subra of Portland, Oregon.

In heaven, Dorothy has joined husband, Myron; her parents, Wilbur and Leona Gilmour; her sister, Carol Kolb; her parents-in-law, Ewald and Anna Franzmeier; son-in-law, Tory Johannsen; nephew, Curtis Kolb and niece, Patricia Wieben.

Dorothy touched countless lives with her kindness and always had a smile on her face. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 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

JAN **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lakeside Presbyterian Church - Storm Lake  
110 E. 3rd St.  
Storm Lake, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy Pauline Franzmeier*



**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - January 24 at 04:19 PM

CD

“ *Cheryl DeMan lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Franzmeier*



**Cheryl DeMan** - January 30 at 08:18 AM

DH

“ *Our sincere sympathy to all of Dorothy's family. Such a nice lady and we know she will be missed by many!*



**Duane & Eldona Hornor** - January 26 at 10:45 AM

KS

“ *Kermit & Julie Schultze lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Franzmeier*



**Kermit & Julie Schultze** - January 26 at 10:02 AM

KM

“ Wonderful lady!



Kay Snyder Marvin - January 25 at 06:43 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 24 at 04:45 PM

JA

“ I met Dorothy, many years ago when our son Curt, married her daughter Lori. Dorothy was fun loving and easy to be around. Every time we got together was away very enjoyable. I have fond memories of the times.

*Rest in Peace. Until we meet again. Judy Apgar*

Judy Apgar - January 24 at 04:29 PM



“ 350 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 24 at 04:09 PM

KM

“ Kevin and Jan McKenna lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Franzmeier



Kevin and Jan McKenna - January 23 at 04:59 PM

DM

“ Dean and Mayrean McDonough lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Franzmeier



Dean and Mayrean McDonough - January 23 at 04:08 PM

AB

“ Anita Bathe lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Franzmeier



Anita Bathe - January 23 at 08:17 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dorothy Pauline Franzmeier.



January 22 at 06:03 PM

MW

“ Dorothy and I have remained "best friends" since being roommates at Drake University in 1956. Miriam Higginbottom Welch. Love you "Gillie"

Miriam Welch - January 21 at 09:04 AM

BH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Brian Heinsohn - January 20 at 07:57 PM

BH

“ Enjoyed listening to her tell stories about her horses she had in high school , she even rode them to school, was on the drill team with her horse, here she is at H3 arena with her granddaughter Emersyn .



Brian Heinsohn - January 20 at 07:54 PM

HI

“ Heinsohn Digging and Tiling Inc purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dorothy Pauline Franzmeier.



Heinsohn Digging and Tiling Inc - January 20 at 07:44 PM

DJ

“ Deb and Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Franzmeier



Deb and Kevin Jesse - January 20 at 07:35 PM

DF

“ Doug & Heather Fassler lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Franzmeier



Doug & Heather Fassler - January 20 at 07:10 PM

CM

“ Prayers of comfort to the entire family. Dorothy was a sweet lady, and will be greatly missed. I enjoyed meeting her in September when I came up with Linda to see the Clay County Fair.

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**Callie Clow Mehrhoff** - January 20 at 06:00 PM