



Dorothy Mae Tam

January 17, 1926 - December 25, 2025

Dorothy Mae Tam, 99-years-old of Storm Lake, Iowa passed away peacefully late Thursday night, December 25, 2025 at Methodist Manor of Storm Lake.

Visitation will take place Saturday, January 24, 2026 from 2-4:00 p.m. with Prayer Service at 3:30 p.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. Private Family Graveside Services will take place at a later date in Oakland Cemetery in Peterson, Iowa. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Dorothy was born to Martin & Lucille Olsen on January 17, 1926 in Alta, Iowa. In 1944, Dorothy married Oliver Anderson who joined the Army to serve in the 2nd World War. She soon moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota to help with the war effort. Her daughter Cheryl was born in 1945 and her son Eugene was born in 1947. After her marriage to Oliver, she later married Bob Ebert. After Bob passed, she married Gerard Tam. Along the way, she owned her own cafe, ran a major department store diamond business and opened a jewelry business alongside her husband, Gerard. Work was very important to Dorothy as she continued to work until she was 94 years of age. She inspired people around her by being supportive and loving, always concerned for the welfare of others.

Dorothy appreciated her family history by a love of genealogy. She

documented her family history including the touchstone of her grandfather's Norwegian "Traveling Trunk", spending many holidays sharing it with her loved ones, her travels to many different places, through her meticulous record keeping, and vast amounts of pictures. Her beautiful smile, compassion for everyone and her many different sayings from the past will be dearly missed!

She also had a great love for baking and feeding all who would come to visit. Her famous brownies, rhubarb and pumpkin pies will live on through her many times teaching her grandsons and great-grandkids her pie making skills & secrets! No one left Dorothy's house hungry.

In recent years, she fought failing eyesight with glaucoma and macular degeneration; however, she didn't let that stop her constant reading & learning about current events. Her son had passed at a young age, but she treasured the relationships and times spent with her daughter, her 2 grandsons along with their families for her entire life. The stories of her wide and varied life inspires them and continues to guide their thoughts and actions everyday.

She is survived by her daughter, Sherry Aryanpur of Storm Lake, Iowa; her 2 grandsons: Rob (Zan) Fiorendino of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Gene (Donna) Fiorendino of Storm Lake; her stepson: Ed (Pam) Tam of Polk City, Iowa; her great-grandchildren: Ben Fiorendino of Duluth, MN, Tanner Fiorendino of Ames, Iowa and Madison Fiorendino of Storm Lake, IA; 2 step-great-grandchildren and their families; a brother, David Olsen of Dow City; and many nieces, nephews and extended family, that she cherished.

She is preceded in death by her parents: Martin & Lucille Olsen; her son, Eugene; son-in-law, Manoocher Aryanpur; her sister-in-law, Shirley Olsen; husband, Oliver Anderson; husband, Bob Ebert and husband Gerard Tam.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

Peterson, IA 51047

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 24 at 04:38 PM

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Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 22 at 03:25 PM

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“ I worked for Dorothy back in the 80's at Ardan Corporate office in the Diamond Cage. She was a kind person and I learned a lot from her. Her smile was contagious. Years later I moved to Storm Lake with my family and ran into Dorothy. It was such a nice surprise! She was such a good person. Prayers for comfort & peace to her family and friends.

Michelle (Warner) Munoz - January 21 at 03:15 PM



“ Dorothy was such a nice, motherly lady. I enjoyed taking care of her while she was at Otsego Place! She had such wonderful memories and a graceful disposition about her. I miss her very much. God’s blessings to all her family!

Sonia Haahr - January 07 at 05:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dorothy Mae Tam.



January 07 at 11:56 AM



“ Vicki Ulven lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Tam



Vicki Ulven - January 06 at 07:49 AM

JR

“ Dorothy & I began working together in the Diamond Dept at Ardan in 1966 and we were there when when the company closed in 1987. I obtained a position in FL and Dorothy accompanied me when I drove to Miami. I was able to see her over the years after I moved to CA and she would visit daughter, Sherry, in LaJolla, CA. She was always smiling & pleasant to everybody and was an inspiration to me when she just kept on working at various jobs until late in her life. I am proud to call her my friend. I will miss you Dorothy...until we meet again!! Joan Reece

Joan Reece - January 05 at 04:17 PM

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“ Goodbye my friend of 58 years. We shared so many good memories from our work days and personal lives. A strong spirit was in you. I will miss our talks as so many others will also. You were loved in life and now loved in our memory. Terry

Terry Transue - December 31, 2025 at 07:18 PM