



Edith Marie Olsen

January 4, 1930 - January 10, 2026

Edith Marie Olsen, age 96, of Newell, Iowa, passed away on January 10, 2026.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, January 17, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at Bethel Baptist Church in Newell. Burial will be in Newell Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday, January 16, 2026 from 5-7:00 p.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Edith was born on January 4, 1930 in Lake Norden, South Dakota to Reverend Albert and Lillie (Larson) Osborne. Edith was the youngest of four children. Throughout her childhood, Edith's family moved across the Midwest as her father was called to serve different churches. When Edith was 15, her father accepted a call to First Baptist Church in Newell, IA. It was there that she met her classmate and future husband, Marvel Olsen. Edith graduated from Newell High School in 1947 as valedictorian of her class. She then attended Iowa State University, earning a degree in Home Economics Education. Edith taught at Winterset High School until her marriage to Marvel on March 14, 1954.

Marvel and Edith made their home on the farm near Newell. Their marriage was blessed with 4 children, Thomas, Rebecca, Julie and Linda. Edith devoted her life to her family, church and community. Alongside her role as a devoted homemaker, she generously shared her talents by sewing for Faith, Hope, and Charity.

Left to cherish her memory are her children Tom (Marty) Olsen of Newell; Becky (Jim) Brown of West Olive, Michigan; Julie (Rick) Staley of Charter Oak, Iowa; Linda (Steve) Culp of Newell; grandchildren: Mark (Valerie) Olsen, Kurt (Beth) Olsen, Peter (Sierra) Olsen, Philip (Stephanie) Brown, Eric (Linsey) Brown, Tyler (Sarah) Brown, Emily (Joe) Skalandis, Alyssa (Phil) Herbold, Ryan (Monica) Staley, Kathryn (Tate) Rohde, Matthew Staley, Kristen (Kevin) Krausman, Sarah (Mitch) Carstens, Rachel (Ben) Allen, Beth (Phillip) Hammitt; and 39 great-grandchildren.

Edith was preceded in death by her husband Marvel, her parents, siblings, and great-

grandson Kaden Krausman.

Cemetery Details

Newell Cemetery

E. Jensen St.
Newell, IA 50568

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 5:00 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 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Bethel Baptist Church -- Newell
313 Highway 7
Newell, IA 50568
<http://bethelnewell.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Edith Marie Olsen*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 15 at 05:22 PM

LL

“ *Edith always made a point of greeting me when I visited Bethel in Newell and made me feel welcome, She was a good friend to my MIL, Bonnie Wilbur Kier. It's difficult to say goodbye to this generation and yet exciting to know that she is now with Jesus for all eternity. She left an amazing legacy in her family and friends.*

Lisa (Wilbur) Lewis - January 20 at 11:21 AM

BS

“ *Bradley S. Smith lit a candle in memory of Edith Olsen*



Bradley S. Smith - January 16 at 10:31 PM

BS

“ Mrs Marvel Olsen, Edith Olsen was always a friendly and smiling comfortable neighbor four our family members to talk and "visit" with. Our mother Ruth Smih, really respected and admired Edith and her respectful and quiet leadership in her role in her family, household, church,and community. Her Faith and Family as priorities were so very evident in her activities. She really had exceptional individual talents developed through her attention to detail, talents, experience through practice and education and teaching foundation. Her family development was her craftsmanship. She was easy to socialize or casually visit with. Her example was a guiding hand in her family. A Wonderful person to "visit with" ,talk to and get to know. A valuable community member and neighbor. One of Iowa's Best !

We sincerely offer our prayerful condolences , Peace of God of Abraham and Jesus to Family and Friends.

Brad and Sara Smith and extended family of Merlyn and Ruth Smith , neighbors in Newell and Buena Vista County community.

Bradley S. Smith - January 16 at 10:31 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 16 at 11:20 AM

BO

“ Bill and Carol (McClurg) Onkst purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Edith Marie Olsen.



Bill and Carol (McClurg) Onkst - January 15 at 11:16 PM

BA

“ Brett & Christine Herbold, Weston & Abby purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Edith Marie Olsen.



Brett & Christine Herbold, Weston & Abby - January 15 at 09:08 PM

BA

“ *Brett & Christine Herbold, Weston & Abby planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edith Marie Olsen.*

Brett & Christine Herbold, Weston & Abby - January 15 at 09:08 PM



“ *125 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 15 at 05:19 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Edith Marie Olsen.*



January 15 at 09:58 AM

DN

“ *David & Linda Nase lit a candle in memory of Edith Olsen*



David & Linda Nase - January 14 at 04:52 PM

RW

“ *Ruth Westergaard lit a candle in memory of Edith Olsen*



Ruth Westergaard - January 14 at 03:07 PM

JK

“ James K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edith Marie Olsen.

James K. - January 14 at 02:38 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Edith Marie Olsen.



January 14 at 01:25 PM

TC

“ The Roland-Story Crew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edith Marie Olsen.

The Roland-Story Crew - January 14 at 01:25 PM

MF

“ Megan, Chris and Frances purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edith Marie Olsen.



Megan, Chris and Frances - January 14 at 11:36 AM

RS

“ Our thoughts and prayers to Edith's family. So enjoyed visits with both Edith and Marvel at HyVee. Edith had such a warm and friendly personality. God's Peace as Edith is called Home.

Randy & Marilyn Schmitt - January 13 at 07:43 PM

RB

“ Julie and family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. When I was working at FHC I would see her frequently and occasionally chat a bit. She was so kind to sew for the kids there. And always so full of energy! Cherish your memories of her until you meet again. 🙏



Rhonda Bringle - January 13 at 06:01 PM

FC

“ From Jake & Mary Calmer purchased the Simply Elegant Spat
hiphyllum for the family of Edith Marie Olsen.



From Jake & Mary Calmer - January 13 at 10:37 AM

DC

“ Dean and Deb Carstens purchased the Medium Dish Garden
for the family of Edith Marie Olsen.



Dean and Deb Carstens - January 13 at 10:14 AM

PR

“ Edith was the definition of a lovely Christian lady. She was always so pleasant.
She always had a little story to share. I waited on her for many years at Walmart.
I wished I enjoyed sewing the way she did. She had a real talent. She loved her
family and was just a wonderful lady. My sympathies to her family.

Pat Ryherd - January 13 at 06:29 AM

RW

“ Roberta wise lit a candle in memory of Edith Olsen



Roberta wise - January 12 at 07:07 PM

SW

“ So sorry to hear this news. Edith was such a kind and
caring woman. My deepest condolences to the family.



Suana Wessendorf - January 12 at 06:58 PM

DJ

“ My sympathies to all of you. I enjoyed visiting with Edith very much, what a nice lady. She was the definition of a christian lady and was welcomed to heaven by a choir of angels.

Diane Johnson - January 12 at 10:37 AM

CO

“ Tom, Becky, Julie, Linda. I am sorry for your loss. Edith was a wonderful lady. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. So many happy memories. Love to all of you
Nancy Frederiksen

cousin - January 11 at 11:15 PM

DP

“ I loved Edith!! I loved, and have missed our little chats we had when I would checked her out at HyVee. She was a sweetheart, beautiful , inside and out! Her family meant so much to her. It was nice of you, Linda, to keep me updated on her. I know she will be missed by all of you. I feel blessed to have known this fine lady. May she rest in peace. Her family is in my prayers. 🙏

Donna Pittman - January 11 at 08:48 AM