



Eileen R. Newkirk

February 23, 1930 - January 21, 2026

Eileen R. Newkirk, age 95, of Alta, Iowa died Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at Accura Healthcare of Aurelia.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Alta. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Alta. Visitation will be held Friday, January 23, 2026 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in ALTA. Memorials may be directed to Lutheran Hour Ministries, 660 Mason Ridge Center, St. Louis, Missouri 63141 or Cherokee Regional Hospice, 212 E. Bow Drive, Cherokee, Iowa 51012. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

Eileen Ruth Newkirk was born February 23, 1930 in Iowa to Guy and Dorothy (Mathey) Lind. Eileen was a part of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Alta, Iowa. She attended the University of Northern Iowa and earned a degree in teaching.

Eileen taught country school near Burnside, Iowa.

On June 4, 1950, Eileen was united in marriage to Mervin Newkirk at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fort Dodge, Iowa. They were blessed with five children: Michael, Lisa, Carmen, Melinda, and Sarah.

Eileen was active in the Ladies Aid and Altar Guild at the St. Paul Lutheran Church. Eileen loved photography, traveling, gardening and reading. Family was very important to Eileen and she will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memories are her children: Michael Newkirk of Alta, Iowa; Lisa (Larry Roorda) Lawrence of Paullina, Iowa; Carmen (Dan) Cameron of Alta, Iowa; Melinda Torrez of Leavenworth, Kansas; and Sarah McClure of Nevada, Iowa; brother, Terrill (Doris) Lind; grandchildren: Angel (Rick) Penning; Amber Schreck (Aaron Fiddelke); Tanner Lawrence (Jenni Katich); Bethany (Adam) Reiss; Emily (Thomas) Olive; Cody (Meagan) Cameron; Noah (Nalopa) Hansen; Elijah (Dawn) Hansen; great-grandchildren: Tyler and Ella Lawrence; Kayla (Dalton) Grove; Abby Schreck; Taylor (Katie) Reiss; Caleb (Cassie) Reiss; Seth Reiss (Gracey); Alexandra Samson (Clayton); Isaiah Hansen; Selah and Silas Hansen; Evelyn Olive; Emmett Alafa and Cooper Cameron; great-great-grandchild: Savannah Reiss and Eleanor Reiss; extended family and friends.

Eileen is preceded in death by her parents, Guy and Dorothy Lind; husband, Mervin Newkirk; son-in-law, Stephen Torrez; grandsons: Jason Cameron, Levi Lawrence and Austin Lawrence; many brothers and sisters-in-law.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn

Alta, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Alta
301 Alta Vista Street
Alta, IA 51002
(712) 284-2141
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<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Funeral Service

JAN **24**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church -- Alta
405 Division Street
Alta, IA 51002

Burial

JAN **24** (CT)

Woodlawn
Alta, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eileen R. Newkirk*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 22 at 04:38 PM

MW

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Your mother was such a caring and loving person. We remember all the visits we made to your home and how welcomed we felt. So many cherished memories with your family.*

Praying for you all Love Kim and Mary Wagner

Mary Wagner - January 24 at 10:34 AM

SZ

“ *Sue Zwemke lit a candle in memory of Eileen Newkirk*



Sue Zwemke - January 23 at 12:58 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eileen R. Newkirk.



January 23 at 10:09 AM



“ Mike and Michelle Lange planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen R. Newkirk.

Mike and Michelle Lange - January 23 at 10:09 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Eileen R. Newkirk.



January 23 at 10:06 AM



“ Roorda Dairy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen R. Newkirk.

Roorda Dairy - January 23 at 10:06 AM



“ <https://www.facebook.com/dawn.speers.98/videos/1925434928084816/>

Carmen Cameron - January 22 at 10:04 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Eileen R. Newkirk.*



January 22 at 08:47 PM



“ *Rebecca Houghton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen R. Newkirk.*

Rebecca Houghton - January 22 at 08:47 PM



“ *With deepest sympathy, Rick purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eileen R. Newkirk.*



With deepest sympathy, Rick - January 22 at 08:18 PM



“ *Michael and James Shumpert, Jason Baker purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eileen R. Newkirk.*



Michael and James Shumpert, Jason Baker - January 22 at 05:42 PM

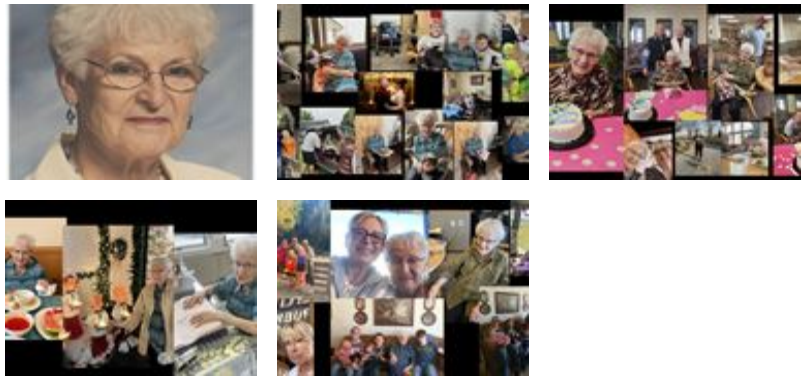
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“ Michael and James Shumpert, Jason Baker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen R. Newkirk.

Michael and James Shumpert, Jason Baker - January 22 at 05:42 PM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 22 at 04:35 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Eileen R. Newkirk.



January 22 at 03:22 PM

TM

“ The Merrigan's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen R. Newkirk.

The Merrigan's - January 22 at 03:22 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 22 at 01:33 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Eileen R. Newkirk.



January 22 at 10:10 AM

TA

“ Titof and Angela Aquice purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Eileen R. Newkirk.



Titof and Angela Aquice - January 22 at 06:54 AM

TA

“ Titof and Angela Aquice planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen R. Newkirk.

Titof and Angela Aquice - January 22 at 06:54 AM

CL

“ I was blessed to have gotten to know Eileen and family through church at St Paul Lutheran in Alta. What a salt of the earth family they are and Eileen you will be missed. To your wonderful family, you all are in my thoughts and prayer's during this difficult time. God's Peace.

Courtney Lytle

Courtney Lytle - January 22 at 01:59 AM