



## Eleanor Brink

January 4, 1925 - December 5, 2019

Eleanor Brink, age 94, of Storm Lake, Iowa died on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at the Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, December 22, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. Private family burial will be held in the Storm Lake Cemetery. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the Arie Brink Scholarship Fund in care of Lakeside Presbyterian Church, 110 E 3rd St. Storm Lake, Iowa 50588. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Eleanor Brink, daughter of Joe and Kate (Van Zyl) Hoffs, was born on January 4, 1925. She was raised on a farm near Hospers, Iowa. She attended school there and graduated from Hospers High School in 1942.

Eleanor and Arie were high school sweethearts. Eleanor worked on the farm with her dad after graduating from high school, because her 18-year-old brother had died from appendicitis. She was united in marriage to Arie Brink on January 4, 1946 after he returned from active duty in the Pacific. They moved to LeMars, Iowa. Eleanor worked in a department store as a clerk from 1946-1948 while Arie was finishing his education at Westmar College. Their son, Gale, was born in LeMars in 1947.

The family then moved to Hospers and lived there from 1948 until 1952 while Arie taught and coached basketball. Madelyn was born in 1951 in Orange City while they lived in Hospers. They moved to Storm Lake in 1952 when Arie became head basketball coach and taught history and economics and government. Daughter, Glenda, was born in Storm Lake in 1955.

Eleanor baked cakes as a home business from 1960 to 1988. She and Margaret Gregerson decorated many wedding cakes together for a majority of that time.

Eleanor enjoyed traveling and camping with her husband and family while the children were growing up. Their camping trips covered most of the United States. Arie and Eleanor traveled to many places after their children had left home, Alaska, Washington, Massachusetts, Florida, California, Hawaii, even as far as Bahrain in the Persian Gulf, where Gale and family were stationed with the U.S. Navy. On the way home from Bahrain they visited with relatives in the Netherlands.

Eleanor was a member of Lakeside Presbyterian Church and was active in the church circle, a 50-year member of Cosmopolitan Club, SL Porcelain Artists China Painting, several bridge groups, and sewing and coffee groups where she enjoyed time with friends.

Eleanor is survived by daughter-in-law Margy (Mrs. Gale Brink) of Ellensburg, Washington; Madelyn "Madge" Hansen (Darwin Monson) of Lakefield, Minnesota; Glenda Jehle of St. Louis, Missouri; 7 grandchildren, Elliott (Amy) Brink, Matthew Brink, Timothy (Heather) Hansen, Katie (Keith) Siepker, Benjamin Hansen (Maggi Monson), Emily (James) Waters, and Luke Jehle; 9 great-grandchildren: Ellison, Ian, and Aliya Brink; Hailey and Hannah Hansen; Jayden and Jordan Hansen; Arie and Evelyn Waters; sister-in-law, Marlys Brink, cousins and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by husband Arie in 1997; son, Gale in 2007; parents, Joe and Kate Hoffs; brother, Leroy Hoffs; and sister, Joleen Hofmeyer.

# Cemetery Details

## Storm Lake Cemetery

Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 22. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



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Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - December 19, 2019 at 12:20 PM

JE

“ Glenda and family,

*Sending love and wishes for warm memories.*

*Jean Ronnei (Glenda's college roommate)*

jean - December 16, 2019 at 08:37 PM

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“ For many years my girls and I would pick up Glenda and Luke at the Omaha Airport and drive them to Storm Lake for their Christmas celebration with Mrs. Brink. It always started with a dinner of home made stroganoff and cake for Luke's birthday. We did puzzles, played bingo, laughed and had fun. The next day we would decorate cookies. These are some of our most treasured memories. Christmas didn't start until we did this. Eleanor will be deeply missed. The love she showed my girls and I was so special. Love you Eleanor.  
*Kimberly, Anny and Laramy Overton*

Kimberly - December 13, 2019 at 09:41 PM

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“ I remember your mom's welcome when you brought us home to visit when we were at Morningside. And the cakes! The smell of fresh cake when we came in her kitchen was a delight! May your mom rest easy from a life well lived. Love to you all. *Jane W. Kennedy*

Jane Kennedy - December 13, 2019 at 08:43 PM