



Eleanor Mae Otto

January 27, 1919 - August 28, 2016

Eleanor M. Otto, age 97, of Storm Lake, Iowa passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 28, 2016 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community surrounded by her family.

Funeral service will be held Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Burial will follow in the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place Wednesday, August 31, 2016 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Eleanor Mae Otto was born to August J. and Neta (Arp) Miller on a farm near Hanover, southwest of Alta, Iowa on January 27, 1919. She was baptized on January 31, 1919. Her father died when Eleanor was only 5 ½ years of age. Later, her mother with four daughters, moved from the farm to Alta where Eleanor attended grade school. In 1930, her mother remarried and the family moved to a farm just west of Storm Lake. Eleanor attended St. John's Lutheran Church in Storm Lake and was confirmed there on June 4, 1933. Eleanor attended Storm Lake High School and graduated in 1937 with a letter in typing.

On June 4, 1941, Eleanor was married to Earl E. Otto. They were blessed

with three children: James, Nancy, and Bruce.

They lived in Storm Lake for a short time and then moved to a farm north of Alta and resided there for 4 years. In the spring of 1947, Earl and Eleanor built Otto Furniture store on North Lake Avenue in Storm Lake. At this time, there were just a couple of small businesses in that area and the street was just 2 lanes paved. They opened Otto Furniture for business in September, 1947. Earl and Eleanor were active in the business for about 47 years. Eleanor was bookkeeper and occasionally helped in the store after the children grew up.

Earl and Eleanor are charter members of Grace Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Eleanor was a long time Sunday School teacher both at St. John's and Grace Lutheran Churches in Storm Lake.

Earl and Eleanor loved to travel and visited all 50 states as well as most of the Canadian provinces, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Jamaica, Acapulco, and other places in Mexico.

She especially loved her home and family. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were a real joy.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband, Earl; son, James; granddaughter, Angela Leigh Otto; and sisters: Verna Pretiance of Carroll, Iowa; Evelyn Steward of Seattle, Washington; and Lorraine Erichsen of Hartley, Iowa.

Eleanor is survived by her daughter-in-law, Janet Otto of Spirit Lake, Iowa; daughter, Nancy (Craig) Sargent of Story City, Iowa; son, Bruce (Jane) Otto of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Julie (David) McAdon, David (Brandi) Otto, Douglas (Jennifer) Otto, Alicia (Tim) Buhr, Jennifer (Marcus) Seaton, Rachel Otto, Marie (Jason) Auch, Rochelle (Brandon) Jerred, and Christina (Jeremy)

Monaco and 16 great-grandchildren.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 31. 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>

Service

SEP 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church
1407 W. 5th St.
Storm Lake, IA 50588
<http://www.gracestormlake.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eleanor Mae Otto*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 31, 2016 at 02:59 PM

JH

“ *Nancy, I remember your mom as so warm and welcoming. I loved the sugar eggs with scenes inside that she made at Easter. My condolences on her passing. Jan Jackson Hair*

Janice Jackson Hair - September 01, 2016 at 11:14 AM

CH

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace for all the family. Thinking of you Christina. a friend. Charlotte Hays and family.*



Charlotte Hays - September 01, 2016 at 09:45 AM

AJ

“ Audie & Karen Eric & Katie Josie Payton Kaleb & Gabbi & Ja purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Eleanor Mae Otto.



Audie & Karen Eric & Katie Josie Payton Kaleb & Gabbi & Ja
- August 31, 2016 at 03:45 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Funeral Home - August 31, 2016 at 03:01 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Eleanor Mae Otto.



August 31, 2016 at 11:05 AM

HH

“ Heidi Howard lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Mae Otto



Heidi Howard - August 31, 2016 at 07:26 AM

JW

“ Nancy, Bruce & families,
I am so sorry to hear about Eleanor's passing. I am keeping all of
you in my thoughts & prayers. I will remember her sitting at the
same dining table with Mom at the Manor.

Joy Weitzel-Boyer - August 30, 2016 at 10:55 AM

RF

“ Our thoughts to Bruce and Jane and to Nancy and the entire Otto
family. We so enjoyed visiting with your mom and dad over the
years at the store especially when it came to talking about
grandfather clocks. Our prayers as your mom is called Home. God's
Peace.

Randy and Marilyn Schmitt, Fonda - August 30, 2016 at 06:43 AM

FA

“ Forest Avenue Town Homes Association
purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the
family of Eleanor Mae Otto.



Forest Avenue Town Homes Association - August 29, 2016 at
03:48 PM

FS

“ Are thoughts and prayers are with the family
.The Family of Roger Stephan



Family of Roger Stephan - August 29, 2016 at 02:45 PM

HH

“ Heidi Howard lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Mae Otto



Heidi Howard - August 29, 2016 at 07:13 AM

JD

“ John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Eleanor Mae Otto



John and Connie Demers - August 28, 2016 at 08:27 PM