



## Eleanor Ruth Tamm

July 20, 1921 - September 27, 2019

Eleanor R. Tamm, age 98, of Fonda, Iowa formerly of Clarksville, Iowa died on Friday, September 27, 2019 at the Pocahontas Community Hospital in Pocahontas.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 4, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation from 10:30 a.m. until service time all at St. John Lutheran Church in Clarksville, Iowa. Burial will be in the Lowell Cemetery in Clarksville. Visitation will take place on Thursday, October 3, 2019 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church in Fonda. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Eleanor Ruth Tamm of Fonda, IA was born on July 20, 1921 in Hansel, Iowa. She was one of 10 children born to the family of Horace G. and Sibyl A. (Armstrong) Wells. She spent her childhood years growing up on a farm near Hansel and attending Hansel Public Schools. Eleanor excelled in academics and graduated as class valedictorian in 1938.

Eleanor was a self-motivated person, teaching herself to type and to play piano. She put her typing skills to use as high school office secretary for 3 years and her piano skills in the Wells family orchestra. It was while playing for local dances that she met her future husband, Roy C. Tamm.

After graduation she moved with her family to Riceville, IA where she took a post high school course of study to obtain her teaching certificate. Once this course was completed, she was hired to teach at a country school northeast of Riceville. After 2 years of teaching, she was hired as office secretary for the Alma Power Company in Alma, IA, a position she held until 1942.

Just prior to WWII, she was united in marriage to Roy C. Tamm in October, 1941. Once WWII began and Roy entered the army, Eleanor travelled the country from California to Florida accompanying Roy on his various military assignments. It was during this period that she was employed by J.C. Penney in North Carolina and in Florida.

Following the war, the couple took up residency in Clarksville, IA where Eleanor resided until moving to Fonda, IA in 1995. It was during these post-war years that Eleanor had 2 children Larry and Marilyn and assumed a working career as radio shop clerk, bank teller, travel agent and medical office manager. She also served as volunteer secretary/treasurer for the local United Way Campaign. She was a member of St. John Lutheran of Clarksville, IA where she was active both as a Sunday school teacher and as a church office secretary. In her later years, she authored and self-published several books.

Eleanor planned, organized and led numerous trips to Hawaii and travelled to Australia and to numerous countries throughout Europe including Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Poland and Iceland .

She was preceded in death by her parents, Horace G. & Sibyl A. Wells; Roy, her husband of nearly 39 years; 6 brothers and 3 sisters. She is survived by her 2 children: Larry (Sallie) Tamm and Marilyn (Randy) Schmitt all of Fonda, IA; 2 grandchildren Timothy (Michele) Tamm of Rio Rancho, NM and Rosemary Tamm of Lansing, MI; 4 great grandchildren; 2 sisters-in-law and numerous nieces and nephews.



# Cemetery Details

## Lowell Cemetery Clarksville

29397 202nd St.  
Clarksville, IA 50619

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Lutheran Church  
202 King Street  
Fonda, IA 50540

## Visitation

OCT 4. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church Clarksville  
204 N Washington St.  
Clarksville, IA 50619

## Service

OCT 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church Clarksville  
204 N Washington St.  
Clarksville, IA 50619



# Tribute Wall

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“ I was so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I have many memories of her from spending time at your home when we were in high school. May the memories you hold close to your hearts help you through this difficult time.  
In thought and prayer, Barb (Groen) Eckhoff

Barb Eckhoff - October 05, 2019 at 07:44 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - October 03, 2019 at 10:35 AM

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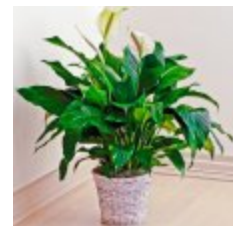
“ Love you, Mom. I miss you. Marilyn



Marilyn - October 03, 2019 at 09:10 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Eleanor Ruth Tamm.



October 02, 2019 at 12:15 PM

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“ From family dinners and musical jam sessions during the holidays to taking your turn riding in our slightly noisy pickup camper to Colorado, from looking at pianos to anticipating your homemade berry pies, it has been an adventure. 36 years ago when Marilyn told you, "Randy asked me to marry him," you replied, "It's about time!" I did not realize then what a beautiful gift you gave me in your approval. Thank you. God hold you in eternal rest. Your suffering is gone and your joy is now complete.

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**Randy** - September 29, 2019 at 11:00 AM