



## Esther Louise Lamb

March 24, 1921 - February 18, 2017

Esther Louise Lamb, age 95, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Saturday, February 18, 2017 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Burial will follow in the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place Monday, February 20, 2017 from 6-8:00 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.

Esther Louise Wilhelmina Gerke was born March 24, 1921 in rural Storm Lake, Iowa, the daughter of Henry and Amanda (Hoberman) Gerke.

As an infant, she was baptized at Zion Lutheran Church in rural Storm Lake, where she was later confirmed in 1935.

Esther received her education through the eighth grade at Zion Lutheran Parochial School.

After graduating from school, she worked for neighbors doing housework.

On February 27, 1949, Esther was united in marriage to Raymond Stieghorst.

Together, they were blessed with three children: Diane, Donna, and Darlene. Raymond passed away on September 15, 1972. She was a stay-at-home mom until the death of Ray when she went back to work doing house cleaning.

Esther later married Robert Lamb on May 24, 1980. Bob passed away on June 15, 2003.

Throughout Esther's life, she was always willing to help others. After her children left home, she continued to housekeep for neighbors and friends.

Esther was a faithful member of St. John Lutheran Church in Storm Lake.

She enjoyed gardening, canning, sewing, and quilting. Most of all, Esther loved spending time with her family and friends. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Diane Christiansen of Harrisburg, South Dakota; Donna (David) Dose of Storm Lake, Iowa; Darlene (Blaine) Perry of Aurelia, Iowa; grandchildren: Daniel Christiansen; Deborah (Adam) Passick and their children, Riley and Tegan; Benjamin (Rebecca) Dose and their children: Jonathan, Timothy, Lydia, and Hannah; Joshua (Jennifer) Dose and their children: Kaytlynn, David, Carson, and Trinity; Matthew (Stephanie) Dose and their children, Emberlyn and Brecken; Amanda (Justin) Coffey; Adam (Rainie) Perry and their children: Hunter and Piper; Brooke (Regis) Michelena and their child, Hattie; Andrew (Elizabeth) Perry and their child, Danika; brother-in-law, Clifford (Doris) Schmidt of Storm Lake; Robert Lamb's children: Nancy Mayo, William Lamb, Andy Lamb and their families; numerous nieces and nephews; extended family and friends.

Esther was preceded in death by her parents; husbands: Raymond Stieghorst and Robert Lamb; son-in-law, Gary Christiansen; great grandson, Noah Dose;

siblings: Ewaldt (Alice Miles) Gerke, Wilbert Gerke, Raymond Gerke, Elda (Herbert) Johnson, Clarence Gerke, Arlene (William) Speers Schmidt, and Donald Gerke.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **20**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 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

FEB **21**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church -- Storm Lake  
402 Lake Ave.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Esther Louise Lamb*



**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - February 20, 2017 at 04:35 PM

MO

“ *Marjean O'Bannon lit a candle in memory of Esther Louise Lamb*



**Marjean O'Bannon** - February 22, 2017 at 09:14 AM

JK

“ *Jeff And Lory Krummen lit a candle in memory of Esther Louise Lamb*



**Jeff and Lory Krummen** - February 20, 2017 at 05:27 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - February 20, 2017 at 04:34 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Esther Louise Lamb.



February 20, 2017 at 01:25 PM

TM

“ Tammy Miller lit a candle in memory of Esther Louise Lamb



Tammy Miller - February 20, 2017 at 08:48 AM



“ Red & White Standing Open Heart - Red Carnations - White Roses was purchased for the family of Esther Louise Lamb.



February 20, 2017 at 08:45 AM

HH

“ Heidi Howard lit a candle in memory of Esther Louise Lamb



Heidi Howard - February 20, 2017 at 07:09 AM



“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Esther Louise Lamb.



February 19, 2017 at 09:55 PM

MH

“ Andy & Family, Sorry to hear about your loss. Prayers to your family.

Mark Van Hooser  
WBOFNA  
Alta, IA



Mark Van Hooser - February 19, 2017 at 08:13 PM

JS

“ I got to visit Esther years ago, when I was a teenager traveling to New Mexico with my stepdad Bill Lamb, mother Mary, sister Joy, and stepsister Lesa. We stopped in Storm Lake to see her and Bill's father Bob. She was friendly and kind, and treated us like her own grandchildren. To me she was the picture of small town midwestern friendliness and hospitality. My thoughts and condolences go out to all who were privileged to know her better than I could. May she rest in peace for now. (Job 14:14-15)

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**Jennifer Sena** - February 19, 2017 at 06:54 PM

SH

“ So sorry to hear about Esther-- she was a wonderful lady, She will be missed by everyone who knew and loved her. Always enjoyed our visits when I was helping her out when she lived at Villa. She always enjoyed my prime rib when she came with Gary and Diane and family at Christmas.  
Shanda Bannister

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**Shanda** - February 19, 2017 at 05:00 PM

IS

“ Ina Rae Shannon lit a candle in memory of Esther Louise Lamb



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**Ina Rae Shannon** - February 19, 2017 at 01:39 PM

KC

“ Have known her a long time--always the sweetest most kind person I know and she raised her 3 daughters to be just like her--she will be missed!!!!



kay christiansen - February 19, 2017 at 12:02 PM

DH

“ Doris Harvey lit a candle in memory of Esther Louise Lamb



Doris Harvey - February 19, 2017 at 11:39 AM

DH

I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for God's peace as you go through this difficult time.

Doris Harvey - February 19, 2017 at 11:41 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Esther Louise Lamb.



February 19, 2017 at 10:49 AM

JD

“ *John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Esther Louise Lamb*



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**John and Connie Demers** - February 18, 2017 at 11:52 PM

DJ

“ *Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Esther Louise Lamb*



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**Deb and Kevin Jesse** - February 18, 2017 at 01:30 PM

CT

“ *Card Club Friends, and Galvin's and Todd's purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Esther Louise Lamb.*



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**Card Club Friends, and Galvin's and Todd's** - February 18, 2017 at 01:25 PM