



Fern Combes

February 17, 1923 - May 2, 2019

Fern Combes, age 96, of Storm Lake, Iowa died on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at the Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Burial will follow in the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to UnityPoint Hospice: 112 W. 5th St. Storm Lake, Iowa 50588. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Fern Theresa Bumann, daughter of Richard and Bertha (Weber) Bumann was born February 17, 1923 on a farm near Holstein, IA. Fern was baptized at Cushing Lutheran Church on November 25, 1923 and was confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Holstein on Palm Sunday, 1937. Fern attended a country school and graduated from Holstein Public School in 1940. She went to National Business Training School in Sioux City, IA. Fern worked at Wincharger during World War II, she was a "Rosie the Riveter"; then worked for the Sioux City School Lunch Program for 32 years.

On June 26, 1943, Fern was united in marriage to Lloyd Combes at the Baptist parsonage in Storm Lake, IA. They made their home in Sioux City, IA for 62 years. They moved to Storm Lake in 2006 and joined St. Mark Lutheran

Church. Lloyd passed away December 29, 2009. They were married for 66 years.

Fern enjoyed baking, sewing, and caring for her family. After she and her husband retired, she enjoyed traveling on bus trips with community friends and saw much of America on the bus trips.

Those left to cherish her memory include Michael (Hillarie) Combes of Oceanside, CA; Craig (Nance) Combes of Surprise, AZ and brother, Marvin and wife, Laura; Robert; Lloyd; Wendell and wife, Marcella; extended family and friends.

Fern was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd, two sisters, Lois Kass and Gladys Johnson; brothers, Richard and Luverne Bumann; sisters-in-law, Margaret Bumann, DeEthel Bumann, Beverly Bumann and Annetta Bumann; brothers-in-law Ernie Meins, John Kass and Dennis Johnson.

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Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church -- Storm Lake
1614 West 5th Street
Storm Lake, IA 50588
<http://www.stmarkstormlake.com/>

Service

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

VC

“ Valerie J Carlberg lit a candle in memory of Fern Combes



valerie j carlberg - May 15, 2019 at 08:37 PM

RK

“ Rev. Cara Knutson lit a candle in memory of Fern Combes



Rev. Cara Knutson - May 06, 2019 at 11:43 AM

RK

“ In the short time I knew Fern and her family I grew very close to them and will always remember all of them fondly. Fern was so kind, sweet and affectionate.

Rev. Cara Knutson - May 06, 2019 at 11:42 AM

MC

“ I will always remember what a beautiful person my Aunt Fern was. Polite, sweet, gentle, and appreciative, she will forever be an inspiration. And her baking, especially that peanut brittle, mmmm...RIP aunt Fern.

Marcia Combes - May 04, 2019 at 12:51 PM

DH

“ I will miss Fern at church. May God comfort her family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.RIP, Fern



Doris Harvey - May 02, 2019 at 09:07 PM

KC

“ RIP Fern you were a sweet lady. Prayers to family

Kris Combes - May 02, 2019 at 08:35 PM

KC

“ Kris Combes lit a candle in memory of Fern Combes



Kris Combes - May 02, 2019 at 08:32 PM

LS

“ Fern was a real nice lady. She will be missed

Leigh Ann Schriber - May 02, 2019 at 06:03 PM