



Fern Cleo Marron

May 17, 1921 - November 9, 2015

Fern Marron, age 94, of Storm Lake, Iowa, formerly of Fonda, Iowa, died Monday, November 9, 2015, at her home in Storm Lake.

Funeral Mass will be held Friday, November 13, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda. Burial will follow in the Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery in Fonda. Visitation will take place Thursday, November 12, 2015 from 5-7:00 p.m. with a rosary service at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Fern Cleo Mertz was born May 17, 1921, in Walnut, Iowa. She was the daughter of Sarah Belle (Smith) and Daniel Willard Mertz. At the age of seven, the family moved to Fonda, Iowa, and through the years they lived on several farms near the Fonda community. She attended country school and graduated from Fonda High School in 1940.

On September 29, 1941, Fern was united in marriage to Omer "Duke" Marron at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda. To this union five sons were born: Charles Omer, Donald Joseph, Timothy Eugene, Francis Owen, and Daniel Raymond.

Fern worked at Jack Keenan Café for two and a half years while her husband

was serving in World War II. After raising her family, she worked with her husband as assistant janitor from 1975 to 1977 at Fonda High School. They moved to LeMars, Iowa, on June 1, 1977, and were janitors for Gehlen Catholic School until September, 1985, when they retired and moved to Storm Lake to be closer to family.

During their retirement, Fern and Omer enjoyed fishing, traveling, and going on walks together.

Fern was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She enjoyed crocheting and shared her finished pieces with many family, friends, and neighbors. She was the proud grandmother of eleven grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Left to cherish her memory are her children: Donald Marron of El Paso, Texas; Timothy (Linda) Marron of Pocahontas, Iowa; Francis (Mary Jo) Marron of Storm Lake, Iowa; and Daniel (Lisa) Marron of Omaha, Nebraska. She is also survived by her sisters: Vivian "Buddy" (Eugene) Bunnelle, Loretta "Red" Boettcher, Shirley "Sis" (Myron) McClurg, and sister-in-law, Sheryl Mertz; grandchildren: Randy, Greg, Dianna, Amy, Brian, Jeremy, Kayla, Matthew, Michelle, Michael, and Megan and their families; great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Omer; infant son, Charles; parents, Dan and Sarah Mertz; sisters, Elane Miller and Viola McCullough; and brother, David Mertz.

Fern will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery

Fonda, IA 50540

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Fonda
513 North Main Street
Fonda, IA 50540

Rosary

NOV 12. 7:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Fonda
513 North Main Street
Fonda, IA 50540

Service

NOV 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Fonda
513 North Main Street
Fonda, IA 50540

Interment

NOV 13 (CT)

Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery
Fonda, IA 50540

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Fern Cleo Marron*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 11, 2015 at 03:33 PM

KH

“ *Kermit And Shirley Hendricks lit a candle in memory of Fern Cleo Marron*



Kermit and Shirley Hendricks - November 14, 2015 at 10:47 PM

RM

“ *Randy & Mona Mason lit a candle in memory of Fern Cleo Marron*



Randy & Mona Mason - November 14, 2015 at 06:46 AM

PM

“ Paul and Carol Mount purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Fern Cleo Marron.



Paul and Carol Mount - November 12, 2015 at 09:13 AM

JR

“ Jason, Melissa, Kateri, Brian, Jessica, Alex, and Rachel purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Fern Cleo Marron.



Jason, Melissa, Kateri, Brian, Jessica, Alex, and Rachel - November 12, 2015 at 08:45 AM

KS

“ Kent and Mary Slechta purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Fern Cleo Marron.



Kent and Mary Slechta - November 11, 2015 at 08:05 PM

BM

“ My condolences and prayers to my cousins Fran, Donny, Tim, Dan and their families. Aunt Fern will be greatly missed! So many wonderful memories will be cherished forever. Please know that we are there with each and every one of you as you celebrate Aunt Fern's life these next few days. Love you all...God Bless

Brenda Miller - November 11, 2015 at 06:53 PM

BM

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Brenda Miller - November 11, 2015 at 03:46 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Funeral Home - November 11, 2015 at 03:32 PM

ML

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Marron family. May God be with you in these next few days. Remember the good times and your memories. Mary Lange*



mary Lange - November 11, 2015 at 03:31 PM

RS

“ *Our prayers to Fern's family on her call Home. I remember fondly having Duke and Fern as custodians at Fonda. What a wonderful couple who were so conscientious and great people with whom to work. Always a smile and a friendly word as they worked. God's blessings and Peace.*

Randy and Marilyn Schmitt - November 11, 2015 at 03:13 PM

Jl

“ *John & Jane Idle purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Fern Cleo Marron.*



John & Jane Idle - November 11, 2015 at 11:01 AM

PG

“ *My sympathy to all the Marron Family in the loss of your mother, Fern. Sure she had a good life, and now she is at peace. You are in my prayers.*
Love, Patty Gunville



PATRICIA (PATTY) GUNVILLE - November 11, 2015 at 09:20 AM

GV

“ *Greg And Jeanne Vogel lit a candle in memory of Fern Cleo Marron*



Greg and Jeanne Vogel - November 11, 2015 at 08:12 AM

PD

“ *Pat Davidson lit a candle in memory of Fern Cleo Marron*



Pat Davidson - November 10, 2015 at 08:18 PM

JD

“ *John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Fern Cleo Marron*



John and Connie Demers - November 10, 2015 at 06:09 PM

NF

“ *So sorry to hear about Aunt Fern. What a wonderful Lady she was. Always enjoyed our visits with her. You boys had her for a long time, to love & care for, which you did a super job. We will remember her in our prayers & you also. Jack & Norma Fitzgerald*

Norma Fitzgerald - November 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM