



## Gladys Eddie

October 12, 1941 - February 8, 2026

Gladys Eddie, age 84, of Storm Lake, Iowa died February 8, 2026 at Methodist Manor, Storm Lake.

Funeral service will take place Friday, February 13, 2026 at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Storm Lake Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday, February 12, 2026 from 4-7:00 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Viewing will resume Friday, February 13, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. until service time at the church. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of arrangements.

Gladys Ann (Pedersen) Eddie was born on October 12, 1941, at the Pedersen family farm near Newell, Iowa, to Jens and Lillie Pedersen. She grew up alongside her two older brothers, Gunnar and Glen, in a home rooted in faith, music, and hard work.

Gladys's life was not one lived in the spotlight, but it was one of steady love, generous service, and unwavering commitment. Ever selfless, she gave her best to her family and her church. Her legacy lives on in the generations she nurtured, the hymns she played, and the countless quiet acts of love that shaped the lives of all who knew her.

From an early age, Gladys made the most of the opportunities available to

girls at the time. She began piano lessons in second grade and continued through high school. In fifth grade, she and a dear friend traveled to Storm Lake for ballet and tap lessons, delighting audiences in local talent shows. By eighth grade, she was playing the organ at church, a commitment she would lovingly carry on for more than 50 years. In high school, Gladys cheered at football games and played guard on the six-on-six girls' basketball team.

She graduated from Newell High School in 1959 and attended Iowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls the following year. However, it was a blind date on New Year's Eve in 1958 that changed the course of her life. Mutual friends introduced her and Russell Eddie. The two danced the night away at the Cobblestone, beginning a partnership that would span decades. They were united in marriage on August 6, 1960.

Together they built a life rooted in love and family. They lived in Des Moines and Perry before settling in Royal, Iowa, where Russell taught school. During those years, they welcomed daughter, Julie, and sons Thomas and Robert. Later, they moved to rural Truesdale, had their youngest son, Steven, and continued farming and raising hogs as part of the Eddie Brothers Partnership for 23 years.

Farm life kept them busy, but baseball carried them far beyond Iowa. Gladys and Russell traveled across the country to support their sons' collegiate careers, rarely missing an opportunity to be in the stands. In many ways, the ballpark became their vacation home, a place for family gatherings, new friendships, and where memories were made season after season.

She found joy in the community as well, whether at area bowling leagues or as an organist at St. Mark Lutheran Church. Gladys built a life rich in family, friendship, and faith, and she volunteered wherever there was a need.

In 1982, she became a grandmother, a role she lovingly embraced. In the years that followed, her family grew to include ten grandchildren. In 1986, Gladys started a new chapter, working part-time at Hill-Rouse and later at Piper Jaffray. In 1989, she and Russell moved from the farm into Storm Lake.

What followed was many years of family trips to Minnesota and Michigan and treasured memories. Countless phone calls kept the family connected between visits. Gladys and Russell followed their grandchildren's academic and athletic pursuits with great enthusiasm. They were especially proud supporters of Buena Vista University, where five grandchildren attended and competed in athletics.

In 2014, Gladys and Russell became great-grandparents and welcomed a new generation with love, the same steady care, and lively games of Old Maid.

Gladys was often the quiet mainstay who made sure everyone was cared for. She managed the busy rhythms of farm and family life with grace. She rarely sought recognition, yet her fingerprints were on everything: the schedules kept, the meals shared, the clothes folded, the rides given, the prayers offered, and enduring support. She was always present at her children's and grandchildren's activities celebrating the successes of her family with pride.

Gladys is survived by her husband of 65 years, Russell; her daughter Julie Meyer (Terry) of Albert City, Iowa; and her sons, Thomas (Stephanie) of Edina, Minnesota, Robert (Terri) of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Steven (Stacey) of Storm Lake, Iowa.

Her grandchildren include Justin Meyer, Lindsey Calderon (Matt), Kelsey Meyer, Derek Eddie (Anna), Neil Eddie (Laurel), Kelli Eddie, Jenna Eddie,

Mark Eddie, Jake Eddie, and Madison Porter. Her great-grandchildren include Mia Meyer, Cora Meyer, Emma Meyer, Oliver Eddie, Dax Eddie, Wesley Calderon, Carter Calderon, and Cooper Eddie.

She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Jan Pedersen, and many beloved Pedersen and Eddie nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jens and Lillie; her brother, Gunnar, and his wife, Joanne; her brother Glen; her brothers-in-law and their wives Dean (Mary) Eddie, Roger (Marlene) Eddie, Darrell (Betty) Eddie; her nieces, Carol Williams and Stephanie Dalbey; and her great-nephew, Kane Pedersen.

The Eddie family extends their heartfelt thanks to the staff at Otsego Place, Methodist Manor, and St. Croix Hospice for their kindness and compassionate care.

# Cemetery Details

## Storm Lake Cemetery

Off of E Lakeshore Dr  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **12**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

FEB **13**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

FEB 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

## Burial

FEB 13 (CT)

Storm Lake Cemetery  
Off of E Lakeshore Dr  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Tribute Wall

LN

“ *The "Eddie" name was a household word in our home! The pigs were a big part of the comradery and them just being good neighbors. My most vivid memory was coming up with a dance to "Up, up and Away" with Julie in their home...I think we shared that at a nursing home? Gladys and Russ were always so welcoming to our family...as well as all the Eddies. We will always have cherished memories of those times!!*

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**Lori Nordine** - February 26 at 10:52 AM

MC

“ *Our sympathy to the Eddie family. Loved having Gladys and Russ as our neighbors in Emerald Park. She will be greatly missed.  
Kevin & Julie McKinney*



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**McKinney** - February 15 at 02:53 PM

DL

“ *Al and I had many beautiful culinary delights once Russ and Gladys moved into Emerald Park and became our neighbors across the street. As everyone knows, Gladys was an excellent cook, and I often ask for some of the recipes that she served us. As usual, she was happy to share them with me! She was truly one that was generous and ever selfless, and most of all she was there for you and your time of need! She shared this trait with all of her children, and most of all with Julie, as she is definitely a clone of her mother. She will be missed by all the people who were lucky enough to get to know her.*

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**DEE LEWIS** - February 13 at 04:01 PM



*Written as the teacher you are. I'm sure you and Gladys could tell stories late into the night of the ball games that you have attended. I always asked her, just how many baseball games have you watched over the 60 plus years.....she said counting Trusdale softball or not???. Gladys and Russ sitting behind home plate, Russ maybe saying something to the umpire or not, this passing hurts.*

**Timothy Tysver** - February 13 at 06:28 PM

RW

“ *Roberta Wise lit a candle in memory of Gladys Eddie*



**Roberta Wise** - February 13 at 12:00 PM

BB

“ *Bob and Mary Beal. lit a candle in memory of Gladys Eddie*



**Bob and Mary Beal.** - February 12 at 10:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gladys Eddie.*



February 12 at 01:50 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - February 12 at 11:24 AM

LN

*Wonderful video of beautiful memories!*

Lori Nordine - February 26 at 03:44 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - February 12 at 11:12 AM

MC

“ *My sincerest condolences to Russell and family. Gladys was my classmate and friend since first grade in Newell and she will be missed so very much. I saw last her at our 50th class reunion, which she organized so well.*

*Marjorie Carlson-Phillips*

Marjorie Carlson-Phillips - February 11 at 10:33 PM

JH

“ I enjoyed visiting with Gladys when she came to Dinnerdate. She was a wonderful person. Jan Hallengren

Jan Hallengren - February 11 at 09:54 PM

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“ After Hour Shop (Truesdale) purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gladys Eddie.



After Hour Shop (Truesdale) - February 11 at 08:23 PM

PO

“ Pat O'Leary lit a candle in memory of Gladys Eddie



Pat O'Leary - February 11 at 07:34 PM

MF

“ Marge, Chad and Michael Miller & family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gladys Eddie.



Marge, Chad and Michael Miller & family - February 11 at 06:24 PM

DP

“ Dan Phillips purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gladys Eddie.



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**Dan Phillips** - February 11 at 05:11 PM

MF

“ My condolences to the Eddie family. I have many fond memories of Gladys playing the organ at St. Mark's.

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**Maret Freeman** - February 11 at 12:55 PM

RD

“ Randy Nielsen and Debra Davis purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gladys Eddie.



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**Randy Nielsen and Debra Davis** - February 11 at 11:39 AM

EM

“ Fond memories of a very fine and loving lady, wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She shared Christ's love for her in her life on God's Earth.

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**Erik "Hondo" and Mariellen Mosbo** - February 11 at 11:16 AM

DJ

“ I was sad to see this. Gladys was a wonderful volunteer at the Good Samaritan Center in Newell. She was such a joy, always smiling, fun to visit with, a great piano and organ player. I give my sympathies to her family, may she rest in peace.

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**Diane Johnson** - February 11 at 11:13 AM

BR

“ Bev Reis lit a candle in memory of Gladys Eddie



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**Bev Reis** - February 11 at 10:49 AM

CG

“ I've known Gladys and Mr. Eddie (my high school teacher) from our Royal days, being neighbors, baby sitting there little ones and learning from a great teacher. Refreshed our friendship when we moved to Storm Lake. She will be greatly missed. Sincere sympathy to the family.

*Candy & Mark Galbraith*

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**Candy & Mark Galbraith** - February 11 at 02:48 AM

TF

“ The Scheetz Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Gladys Eddie.



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**The Scheetz Family** - February 10 at 06:43 PM

LC

“ Bill & I have known Gladys since our school days. She was a sweetheart . She will be missed by all of us. We are so sorry for your loss.

*Bill & Lana Crilly*



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**Lana Crilly** - February 10 at 05:40 PM

LB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. We remember many fun times playing cards with Russ & Gladys and our St Mark card club.

*Lyn and Diana Berkland*

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**Lyn and Diana Berkland** - February 10 at 05:25 PM

DH

“ Am so sorry to hear of Gladys' passing. Our Sympathy and Prayers to her family. She was such a nice gal. 🙏🙏🙏



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**Duane & Eldona Hornor** - February 10 at 04:48 PM

WT

“ Wilbur & Karen Triplett lit a candle in memory of Gladys Eddie



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**Wilbur & Karen Triplett** - February 10 at 04:23 PM

SS

“ Sorry for your loss sending prayers and hugs



Shelly Schossow - February 10 at 03:57 PM

EH

“ Our condolences to Russ and the family. 💕  
Paul & Eileen Howie



Eileen Howie - February 10 at 03:31 PM

LB

“ Lonnie, Jane & Zack Beekmann purchased the B  
eautiful in Blue for the family of Gladys Eddie.



Lonnie, Jane & Zack Beekmann - February 10 at 01:57 PM

SF

“ Sympathy to all the Eddie family on your loss!  
Steve Frank



Steven Frank - February 10 at 12:06 PM

DS

“ Dennis and Michele Schellenboom purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Gladys Eddie.



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**Dennis and Michele Schellenboom** - February 10 at 09:49 AM

PC

“ Pam & John Calderon-Voelker purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gladys Eddie.



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**Pam & John Calderon-Voelker** - February 10 at 09:25 AM

PC

“ Pam & John Calderon-Voelker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gladys Eddie.

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**Pam & John Calderon-Voelker** - February 10 at 09:25 AM

JD

“ John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Gladys Eddie



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**John/Connie Demers** - February 10 at 08:13 AM

PF

“ Paul and Tracey Dellea and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gladys Eddie.



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**Paul and Tracey Dellea and family** - February 09 at 09:41 PM

LL

“ Linn and Sue Lovin lit a candle in memory of Gladys Eddie



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**Linn and Sue Lovin** - February 09 at 07:55 PM

BE

“ I remember Gladys and Russ attending a lot of Cory and Justin's events. Great supporters of their children and grandchildren. She will be missed. Prayers to all the family.

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**Barbara Erickson** - February 09 at 04:39 PM

DJ

“ Deb and Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Gladys Eddie



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**Deb and Kevin Jesse** - February 09 at 04:06 PM

JC

“ *Jeff/Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Gladys Eddie*



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**Jeff/Jean Chindlund** - February 09 at 01:42 PM

BB

“ *Bob Baschke lit a candle in memory of Gladys Eddie*



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**Bob Baschke** - February 09 at 01:35 PM