



## Grace Ellen Jorgensen

May 11, 1930 - January 17, 2025

Grace E. Jorgensen, age 94, of Newell, Iowa died Friday, January 17, 2025 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at Bethel Baptist Church in Newell. Burial will be in the Newell Cemetery. Visitation will take place from 9-10:30 a.m. prior to the service at the CHURCH. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Grace was born at the family farm near Humboldt, Iowa on May 11, 1930 to parents Nels and Anna (Friberg) Petersen. She joined older siblings Mabel, Esther, Selma and Clarence. She was nine years younger than her closest sibling. They lived on a farm southwest of Humboldt and when Grace was three years old, they moved to a farm near Bradgate, Iowa.

As a child she made the most important decision of her entire life, as she trusted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. This decision not only determined the course of her entire life on earth, but it also secured her eternal life in heaven.

She started first grade after her fifth birthday and graduated from Bradgate

High School in 1947 at the age of 17. She attended Iowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls, Iowa and graduated in 1949 with her elementary education diploma. She taught fourth grade in Jewell, Iowa for two years.

In 1946 she met a handsome Navy sailor at a Baptist youth rally after catching his eye. That sailor eventually became her husband. On June 15, 1951 she was united in marriage to Harold Wendell Jorgensen at the First Baptist Church in Gilmore City, Iowa. The couple resided on a farm southeast of Newell, Iowa where Harold had been farming. To this union were born Steven Harold in 1952, Paul Edward in 1955 and Marcia Kaye in 1958. They farmed near Newell until 1983 when they moved to town.

After retirement they began spending winters in Alamo, Texas until Harold's death in 1997. Grace moved to a duplex in 2000, and in 2021 she moved to Otsego Place in Storm Lake and then to Methodist Manor.

Grace was a charter member of Bethel Baptist Church in Newell. She was a Sunday School teacher, a Bible study leader, a deaconess, attended Women's Missionary Fellowship, and often served in the kitchen. She was an organist, and she sang in choir and various small groups. She loved music and it was an important part of her life. She also served along with Harold in Gideons International.

After her children were grown, Grace worked at Don's Farm Supply as an assistant bookkeeper and later as a social services designee at the Newell Good Samaritan Center. After retirement she was a regular volunteer at the Good Samaritan Center and was named Volunteer of the Year in 2007 and 2012. Her most loved volunteer service there was playing the organ weekly for rhythm band. Her greatest accomplishment, however, was managing her household and, along with Harold, raising their three children. She lived a life of serving others and her heart touched countless people during her life.

Preceding her in death were husband Harold Jorgensen, parents Nels and Anna Petersen, siblings Mabel (Donald) Bowen, Esther (Howard) Hansen, Selma Seider, and Clarence Petersen, and numerous in-laws and extended family.

Left to cherish her memory are children Steven (Connie) Jorgensen of Storm Lake, Iowa; Paul (Eileen Angelucci) Jorgensen of Carson City, Nevada; Marcia (Rick) Johnson of Newell, Iowa; grandchildren Justin (Kelsey) Jorgensen of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Shane (Laura) Jorgensen of Adel, Iowa; Colby (Lily) Jorgensen of West Des Moines, Iowa; Heather (Brent) Conkel of Ankeny, Iowa; Eric (Amanda) Johnson of Hudson, Wisconsin; great-grandchildren Grace, Emily and Claire Jorgensen; Jack, Amelia and Walter Jorgensen; Trevor, Ethan, Blake and Cooper Conkel; Jase, Skylar and Logyn Johnson; sisters-in-law Bonnie Petersen and Ann Jorgensen; and numerous nieces and nephews.

# Cemetery Details

## Newell Cemetery

E. Jensen St.  
Newell, IA 50568

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 22. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Bethel Baptist Church -- Newell  
313 Highway 7  
Newell, IA 50568  
<http://bethelnewell.org/>

## Funeral Service

JAN 22. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Grace Ellen Jorgensen*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - January 21, 2025 at 05:52 PM

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“ *Paul and Steve, I never knew your mother but thought the world of you two young men and your father. My wife Jean (McClurg) and I wish you the very best during this tough time and are so sorry for the loss of your mother. Elvin Thomas, 3224 south 600 east, Greenfield, IN, 46140*

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**Elvin Thomas** - January 22, 2025 at 05:22 PM

RW

“ *Ruth Westergaard lit a candle in memory of Grace Jorgensen*



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**Ruth Westergaard** - January 22, 2025 at 03:13 PM

DJ

“ I am sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed seeing and visiting with Grace, what a wonderful, kind lady. I worked with Harold and Grace over the years at the Good Samaritan home in Newell, both great people! Grace also lead Rhythm Band at the home for many years, receiving Volunteer of the Year awards many times. What a treasure she was to many. I am sure the trumpets announced her arrival to Heaven with much joy. Sincere sympathies to you all.

DIANE JOHNSON - January 22, 2025 at 11:31 AM

RS

“ Randy & Marilyn Schmitt lit a candle in memory of Grace Jorgensen



Randy & Marilyn Schmitt - January 22, 2025 at 10:03 AM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 21, 2025 at 05:53 PM

DJ

“ Deb Jesse lit a candle in memory of Grace Jorgensen



Deb Jesse - January 21, 2025 at 05:12 PM



“ I’m sorry to hear of Grace passing. I worked with her briefly when I was at NGSC and she was the social worker. I admired her for her patience and charm she reflected towards people! I also helped to take care of her while she was at Otsego Place. I will always remember her kind smile and faithfulness she bestowed upon others!  
God bless your family.

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**Sonia Haahr** - January 21, 2025 at 02:51 PM

BW

“ Becky White lit a candle in memory of Grace Jorgensen



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**Becky White** - January 21, 2025 at 12:59 PM

SW

“ Suana Wessendorf lit a candle in memory of Grace Jorgensen



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**Suana Wessendorf** - January 19, 2025 at 08:04 AM