



Gwendolyn Mae Lange

December 7, 1929 - February 4, 2025

Gwendolyn Mae Lange, age 95, of Alta, Iowa and formerly of Fonda, Iowa passed away February 4, 2025 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at the Nain Lutheran Church in Newell. Burial will be in the Cedar Cemetery in Fonda. Visitation will take place Friday, February 7, 2025 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the CHURCH. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Newell is in charge of the arrangements.

Gwendolyn Mae Rubendall was born December 7, 1929 to Merle and Anita (Heesch) Rubendall in Iowa. She was baptized and later confirmed into the Lutheran faith. She graduated with her GED from Fonda Community School in Fonda, Iowa.

On May 2, 1947, Gwen was united in marriage to Orville E. Lange in Fort Dodge, Iowa. They were blessed with three children: Rod, Bill, and Pam.

In her earlier years, Gwen enjoyed bowling and roller skating with her husband, Orville. They also enjoyed numerous dances together at the Cobblestone Inn. Gwen was a member of the Fonda and Newell American Legion Auxiliary.

Gwen was an avid Iowa Hawkeye and Kansas City Chief fan. She took every opportunity she could to watch sporting events of any kind. Gwen loved being outdoors, especially camping or fishing. Family meant the world to Gwen. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her pride and joy. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish Gwen's memory include her children: Rod (Connie) Lange of Spirit Lake, Iowa; Bill (Tammy) Lange of LeMars, Iowa; Pam (Brent) Heldt of Dakota Dunes, South Dakota; grandchildren: Matt (Kate Rothrock) Lange; Ami Smith; Cassie (Robert) Lindsay; Bethany Rodriguez; Derek Lange; Jacob Lange; Josh (Alisa) Winkel; Felicia (Danny) Caudel; Greta (Nick) Vogeler; Brandon, Brady, and Bradford Heldt; great-grandchildren: Melika, DJ, Tegan, Asher, Aniyah, Anthony, Azaila, Elsie, Miles, Carter, Jemma, Ella, Greyson; extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Merle and Anita Rubendall; husband: Orville Lange; and brothers: Max, Harold, and Ronnie Rubendall.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Cemetery -- Fonda

513 E 2nd St
Fonda, IA 50540

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nain Lutheran Church -- Newell iowa
441 W Jensen St
Newell, IA 50568

Funeral Service

FEB 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

Nain Lutheran Church -- Newell iowa
441 W Jensen St
Newell, IA 50568

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gwendolyn Mae Lange*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - February 07, 2025 at 10:44 AM

DH

“ *Rod and family-please accept our belated condolences. I was looking for a different obituary and just saw your mother's obituary. Peace to you at this sad time.*



Dale and Laura Hanna - February 24, 2025 at 04:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Mae Lange.*



February 07, 2025 at 12:20 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gwendolyn Mae Lange.*

February 07, 2025 at 12:20 PM



“ My name is Sonia, & I’m a Welife employee. I truly enjoyed visiting with Gwen about the Hawkeyes, & sharing her frustration about which channel they could be watched....! She will definitely be missed ~. Go Hawks & Chiefs 🖤👑❤️

Sonia Galvin - February 07, 2025 at 12:14 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Mae Lange.



February 07, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gwendolyn Mae Lange.

February 07, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - February 07, 2025 at 11:06 AM



“ 383 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - February 07, 2025 at 10:31 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Mae Lange.



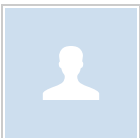
February 06, 2025 at 08:38 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Mae Lange.



February 06, 2025 at 05:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gwendolyn Mae Lange.

February 06, 2025 at 05:56 PM

VB

“ *Veronica, Jenica, & Bryan Blanchard purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gwendolyn Mae Lange.*



Veronica, Jenica, & Bryan Blanchard - February 06, 2025 at 04:44 PM

DJ

“ *Gwen was a very nice lady. I enjoyed visiting with her at church, she always had a smile on her face. I ran into her this past fall at Cobblestone while they were on an outing. My sincere sympathies to her family. May Gwen enjoy her new heavenly home.*

DIANE R JOHNSON - February 06, 2025 at 03:17 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Mae Lange.*



February 06, 2025 at 11:59 AM

PE

“ *Phil, Karen, Clara, Sybil, Emmett. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gwendolyn Mae Lange.*



Phil, Karen, Clara, Sybil, Emmett. - February 06, 2025 at 11:49 AM

PE

“ Phil, Karen, Clara, Sybil, Emmett. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gwendolyn Mae Lange.

Phil, Karen, Clara, Sybil, Emmett. - February 06, 2025 at 11:49 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Mae Lange.



February 06, 2025 at 10:13 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gwendolyn Mae Lange.

February 06, 2025 at 10:13 AM

JH

“ Jeff Hutton purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gwendolyn Mae Lange.



Jeff Hutton - February 06, 2025 at 09:29 AM

RS

“ Our thoughts and prayers to Gwen’s family on her call Home. So many fond memories of coffee and breakfast at HyVee. Many stories and pictures of family on the cell phone. Gwen always had something to share. And the laughs always flowed. God bless everyone. Gwen adored her family. God now holds in his arms a precious soul who provided so much fun to us.

Randy & Marilyn Schmitt - February 06, 2025 at 09:09 AM

TR

“ My favorite memory is when visiting aunt Gwen from California with my family, I hung out with Aunt Gwen in the 80s she was a die hard Boy George fan, we hung out and listened to Boy George, I bought her a Boy George Tshirt and it made her so happy☐

Say hi to uncle Orvil and my precious Mommy☐🕊️

You created a beautiful family and their legacy will live on 🕊️

Tryphena - February 05, 2025 at 11:18 PM

MC

“ Gwen was one of our favorite clients at Faust!
She will be missed ☐.



Megan Crabb - February 05, 2025 at 10:18 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Mae Lange.*



February 05, 2025 at 05:36 PM



“ *Bev Reis lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Lange*



Bev Reis - February 05, 2025 at 12:59 PM