



## Hollace J. Drake

September 8, 1947 - January 7, 2020

Hollace June Drake passed away suddenly on January 7, 2020, in her home in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Memorial services will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place prior to the serving starting at 1:00 p.m. A reception will take place at the church following the service. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

She was a dedicated teacher her whole life, from helping children with special needs in the Storm Lake public schools, to teaching as an adjunct at the University of Iowa, to her long tenure as a professor at Buena Vista University. Her commitment to teaching accompanied her lifelong love of learning. She was a voracious reader who could tear through a 500-page novel in a matter of hours and immediately offer insightful critiques and analysis of the text. Hollace deeply loved entertaining and uplifting others through playing her violin with the Cherokee Symphony Orchestra and the Praise Team at the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. She loved her family most of all and is survived by her children Nicholas and Cameron Bowers, her sisters Lindsay Graves and Mari Schatz, and her grandson Duncan Bowers.

In lieu of flowers:

Hollace had a fundamental lifelong belief that affordable reproductive care, including the right to choose, is a bedrock women's and human right. She admired both Planned Parenthood's advocacy on women's behalf and its provision of basic and necessary care to women who could otherwise not afford or access it. You would deeply honor Hollace and her commitment to women with a gift to Planned Parenthood in her memory.

Hollace would also be honored by a donation to American Humane, if you so choose. She cared for several rescue animals , including her beloved basset hounds Amos and Andrea. Hollace would have appreciated any donation to assist American Humane's work in protecting animals in a variety of ways, from supporting no-kill shelters to ensuring working animals in Hollywood are not harmed. Donation information may be found at this website: <http://www.americanhumane.org/>

Hollace was also dedicated to improving the lives of the dispossessed and deeply cared for the conditions faced by refugees all over the world. The International Rescue Committee has a long history of helping refugees the world over find stability and improve their lives after major upheavals. A donation to the IRC in Hollace's memory would honor her commitment to helping people worse off than herself regardless of where they may be. Donations may be made here: <https://www.rescue.org/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 12. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church -- Storm Lake  
211 East 3rd Street  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Nick and Cami,  
So sorry to hear about your mom.

*I don't know if you remember me or not, but I started Buena Vista about the same year your mom and dad did. It was my first year as a college professor and your mom so kindly helped me navigate the waters of academia. She was such a welcomed friend. And as her obituary said, she was a dedicated teacher - challenging yet supportive.*

*I'm saying a special prayer asking God to especially tend to both of you as go through the hurt of your mom's void in your earthly lives.*

*Debb Vandehaar-Arens*

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**Debb** - January 12, 2020 at 03:56 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes** - January 10, 2020 at 05:29 PM

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“ I loved sitting next to Hollace during symphony. She always had something nice to say, liked to joke a little, and was very supportive when I asked questions. She was a light in this world and will be missed.

*Laura Jones*

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**Laura Jones** - January 10, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ I had Hollace as an English professor at BV. Due to scheduling conflicts I was unable to take my British Literature class at the scheduled time. Hollace was kind enough to let me take it as an independent study class with her instead. This took time out of her own day and she was not paid extra for it. I'll never forget that.

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**Ronda Long-Birdsall** - January 09, 2020 at 10:49 PM

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“ Hollace was such a beautiful soul. At symphony practice she always had a smile or kind word for me when ever we talked. She also wasn't afraid to tell me when the stage lights were too bright! I enjoyed having her in the orchestra. She will be missed by all. I know she will be listening to our next concert.

*Ted Hallberg*

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**Ted Hallberg** - January 09, 2020 at 03:16 PM