



## Irene Margaret Stauter

July 12, 1918 - July 16, 2014

Irene Stauter, age 96 of Fonda, Iowa passed away on July 16, 2014 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center.

Funeral mass will be held Saturday, July 19, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda. Burial will be in the Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the church. The Mahaney Funeral Home in Fonda is in charge of the arrangements.

Irene, daughter of Edward and Catharine (Lampe) Quinn was born on July 12, 1918 in Pocahontas, Iowa. After graduating from Our Lady of Good Counsel High School and Buena Vista College, she enjoyed teaching in the country schools from 1937 – 1949.

On February 24, 1949 she married Earl Louis Stauter at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda, Iowa. They made Fonda their home. Irene was a busy farm wife and mother of four children. After her children were raised, Irene followed her dream of becoming a nurse. She earned her nursing degree in 1981 at the age of 68 and then worked at the Fonda Care Center and as a private care nurse in many homes in the Fonda and Storm Lake area. Irene was a dedicated caregiver and truly enjoyed this career.

Irene was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Watching her grandchildren grow up gave her much joy. Children always brought a smile to her face.

Irene was a dedicated member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Holy Family Society, and the OLGCA Catholic Daughters of America. Through the years she treasured spending time with her family, her six sisters (Mary, Rose, Catherine, Benita, Bernice, Lucille) and their families. She enjoyed having coffee and playing cards with her good friends and neighbors when she wasn't gardening, sewing, baking and hauling meals to the field. Irene also enjoyed taking night classes in handwork, crocheting, sewing and painting.

Irene knew the power of prayer and set aside time every day for her rosary and stack of daily prayers. She was a generous woman with a kind and caring heart and a strong soul. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Louis (Shirley) Stauter of Fonda, Iowa; Judy Stauter of Greeley, Colorado; Earlene (Karl) Christensen of Elk Horn, Iowa; Greg (Pat) Stauter of Fonda, Iowa; 10 grandchildren: Jason Stauter, Jeremiah (Jill) Stauter, Miranda (Matt) Madsen, Travis Stauter Huse, Audrey (Ricardo Yunis) Stauter Huse, Krystal (Jeremy) Wells, Kayla (Adam) Sander, Kelly (Seth) Franck, Bob (Jessica) Stauter, Matthew (Abby) Stauter; 13 great-grandchildren; sister Lucille Hamilton and brother-in-law Ed Hamilton, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Earl; grandson, Michael; her sisters and brothers in law Mary and Sebo Johnson, Rose and August Egertsen, Catherine and Clarence Niermeyer, Benita and Melvin Wile, Berniece and Marlyn Wells, Merle and Darlene Stauter, Margaret Stauter, Roy and Jean Stauter; and nephews Dr. Robert Stauter, Milton Wile and Scott Hamilton.

Irene will be especially remembered for her strong devotion to her family, faith and friends.

We would like to thank the Fonda Nursing and Rehab Center and the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center for their loving care and support.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery

Fonda, IA 50540

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 19. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

## Rosary

JUL 19. 10:15 AM (CT)

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

## Service

JUL 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Fonda  
513 North Main Street  
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## Interment

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JUL 19 (CT)

Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery  
Fonda, IA 50540

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Irene Margaret Stauter*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - July 18, 2014 at 07:13 PM

JS

“ *Thoughts and prayers to you all on the passing of Irene. I know my mother loved her and she was always so wonderful to us kids when we came to Fonda to see our cousins! Julie (Stabelfeld) Scadden*

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**Julie Scadden** - July 28, 2014 at 08:56 AM

KC

“ *To all of you, my sincere sympathy! Aunt Irene was such a dear sweet lady. She had a beautiful kind and gentle soul. May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.*

*Karen Clements*

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**Karen Clements** - July 21, 2014 at 09:15 AM

RS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all on the passing of Irene. We did not know of her passing when we spoke on Wednesday. Our sympathies. May God bless you all. Randy and Marilyn Schmitt*

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**Randy and Marilyn Schmitt** - July 18, 2014 at 11:26 AM

MC

“ To the entire Stauter family: you're in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Aunt Irene was a special lady--with a heart of gold. I'm sure she's happily joined the rest of her family who are in the kingdom of God. God rest her soul.

*Marlene (Barry) Wells Carlson  
Windermere, Florida*

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**Marlene Wells Carlson** - July 18, 2014 at 07:52 AM