



Josephine Crilly

May 5, 1914 - July 14, 2015

Josephine Crilly, age 101, of Newell, Iowa died Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, August 1, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Newell. Burial will be in the Newell Cemetery. Visitation will take place Friday, July 31, 2015 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Newell. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Newell is in charge of the arrangements.

Josephine Johnson was born May 5, 1914 in Sherburn, Minnesota, the daughter of Orville and Lois (Barnes) Johnson.

Josephine attended school in Newell, graduating from Newell Community School in 1930. She continued her education at business school in Des Moines, Iowa.

In 1926, Josephine joined the First Congregational Church in Newell where she continued to be a lifelong member. She was involved with many offices and organizations within the church.

On December 31, 1936, Josephine was united in marriage to Edgar Crilly at the First Congregational Church parsonage in Newell. Together they were

blessed with two children, Sharel and William.

Josephine was an avid reader and enjoyed playing cards. Most of all, she cherished time spent with family and friends. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Sharel Jorgensen of Osage, Iowa; William

(Lana) Crilly of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Jeff Jorgensen, Julie (Scott) Jorgensen Swanson, Ken Crilly, Diane (LeRoy) Crilly Wolfe, Jon (Karen A.) Crilly, Karen L. Crilly (partner, Dr. Kirstin Hugdahl); great-grandchildren: Katelynn (Brandon) Marxen, Patrick Wolfe, Payton Crilly, Jenna Swanson, Joel Swanson; extended family and friends.

Josephine was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Edgar; three brothers: Russell, Maurice, and Gale Johnson.

Cemetery Details

Newell Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Newell
321 S Fulton St
Newell, IA 50568
(712) 272-4212
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<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Service

AUG 1. 1:30 PM (CT)

1st Congregational United Church of Christ
310 E 3rd Street
Newell, IA 50568

Tribute Wall

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Funeral Home - July 30, 2015 at 03:27 PM

SC

“ Sharel, Bill & Family, I am so sorry to hear of Jo's passing. She was a special friend to the Russell Family and kept us all informed of the happenings in Newell by her long 2 page single-spaced typewritten letters. My mother (Clara Russell) would send her letters to me after my mom & dad read them. I enjoyed my correspondence with your mom over the years after my parents passed away. I knew I better come see her when I was in Newell or she would give me a good talking-to via her letters. I have many fond memories of you "kids" and your folks. My mother will talk Jo's ear off now that they're all in heaven together. Since I won't be at the reunion, I won't be able to come to her funeral. Just know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Sandy Russell Cather - July 27, 2015 at 01:03 AM



“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Jo. I have such fond memories of her. She always had a smile and kind words to say. She will be greatly missed by many. God bless. Suana Wessendorf



Suana Wessendorf - July 17, 2015 at 08:45 AM

KK

“ Jo was so proud to be the oldest graduate at the 2010 N-f All school reunion!!!! She will be missed this year. Steve and Kolesa Kier

Kolesa Kier - July 16, 2015 at 08:43 PM

CS

“ You have my deepest sympathy. Jo was such a special lady! My Mom (Marcella Piercy) would call Jo on Sunday afternoons and they enjoyed their chats. When Mom was having health problems, I would call Jo and let her know how Mom was doing. Our phone chats continued after Mom passed away. I will miss visiting with her. I so enjoyed learning more about Newell and her life growing up, since the Piercy's were a part of Newell's history.
Cathy (Piercy) Sanders

Cathy Sanders - July 16, 2015 at 08:28 AM

PM

“ Dear Bill & family, may God's grace be amazing to you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Pastor Matt Miller, Storm Lake UMC

Pastor Matt Miller - July 16, 2015 at 08:27 AM



“ Lynn Snyder lit a candle in memory of Josephine Crilly



Lynn Snyder - July 16, 2015 at 07:40 AM

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“ *Cathy (Piercy) Sanders lit a candle in memory of Josephine Crilly*



Cathy (Piercy) Sanders - July 16, 2015 at 01:45 AM

CS

“ *You have my deepest sympathy. Jo was a wonderful person and friend. Mom (Marcella Piercy) and Jo would have phone chats every Sunday afternoon. When Mom wasn't doing so well this last year, I would call Jo and let her know how Mom was. After Mom passed away, I would look forward to calling Jo every couple of weeks to check on her and talk about days passed. Her memory was amazing!*

I will miss our phone calls.

Cathy (Piercy) Sanders

Cathy (Piercy) Sanders - July 16, 2015 at 01:44 AM