



Leah Elizabeth Waterman

April 10, 1924 - June 25, 2016

Leah Elizabeth Waterman, age 92, of Newell, Iowa died Saturday, June 25, 2016 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, July 2, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Congregational Church of Christ in Newell. Burial will follow in the Newell Cemetery. Visitation will take place Friday, July 1, 2016 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.

Leah Elizabeth Huxtable was born April 10, 1924 in Sioux City, Iowa, the daughter of Elmore C. and Alice Lenore (Leeper) Huxtable.

After graduating from high school, she went on to complete one year of business school.

Leah was united in marriage to Donald W. Waterman. Together they were blessed with three children: Curtis, Jan, and Steven.

Leah worked as a bank teller while also taking care of her growing family. She prided herself in teaching piano lessons for forty years.

Leah enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She will be deeply

missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Curtis Waterman of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Jan Waterman of Elkhorn, Nebraska; Steven (Tari) Waterman of Brookings, South Dakota; grandchildren: Emily Waterman (fiancé, Evan Niese), Clifton Waterman (fiancé, Megan Dodson), Erica Waterman, Mark Waterman, Kayla Smith; five great-grandchildren; step grandson, Eric Schade (fiancé, Amy) of Des Moines, Iowa; step great-grandchild, Addison Schade of Des Moines, Iowa; sister-in-law, Shirley (Glen) Lookingbill of Urbandale, Iowa; brother-in-law, Don Lawson of Brigham City, Utah; extended family and many friends.

Leah was preceded in death by her parents, Elmore and Lenora Huxtable; husband, Donald W. Waterman; and daughter-in-law, Mary Waterman.

Cemetery Details

Newell Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

JUL 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Interment

JUL 2. 11:30 AM (CT)

Newell Cemetery

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ I sent a "Farewell" to Leah on Facebook, but tonight I repacked away my 6 busts (Bach, Chopin, Brahms, Liszt, Schubert & Mendelssohn), one received for each year of music lessons and annual recitals. I will always remember my beautiful and musical lady fondly, as she had the warmest smile that lit up the minute she laid eyes on you. She had a tender soul and heart that beat so pure and true, and always had a calmness about her that made you feel so at ease, whether a long time friend or stranger. I will never forget those Saturday mornings I would ride my bike 1 1/2 miles on a dirt road to get to and from town for my lessons. But now as I look back, those were the greatest memories that I will treasure forever and always. I know your fingers are playing beautiful music in Heaven now, Leah, so farewell again my dear sweet music teacher, until we meet again.

Debra Jacobson - September 14, 2016 at 01:19 AM

PT

“ To Leah's family, my deepest sympathy. I wish I could have attended Leah's service, but was out of town. I had the pleasure of working with her many years ago at the bank here in Newell. A while ago, I had the opportunity to sit and visit with her in her home! We had such a nice visit! What a delightful personality and sense of humor! She was so proud of you kids, and loved you all so much! I will miss my friend. God bless.

Pam Tidemann

Pam Tidemann - July 08, 2016 at 03:29 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Funeral Home - July 01, 2016 at 10:32 AM

DS

“ Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your Mom. The group grows in Heaven and I know they are all catching up with each other. May you find comfort in your many wonderful memories.

Dave/ Donna Stanton - June 30, 2016 at 03:04 PM

DS

“ Dave And Donna Stanton lit a candle in memory of Leah Elizabeth Waterman



Dave and Donna Stanton - June 30, 2016 at 03:02 PM

AF

“ Amy Frehse lit a candle in memory of Leah Elizabeth Waterman



Amy Frehse - June 30, 2016 at 11:31 AM

SU

“ Leah was a special lady and I will miss her. I have many good memories of working for her and Don at the West Side Cafe. I tried to learn piano, but I wasn't one of her more gifted pupils. Her little black and white pug would howl when I played, so I must have been pretty bad!

She was the best pianist I knew and was happy that she played for my wedding. I also remember her friendship with my mom, Harriette Laursen. For many years, Leah, my mom and Gracie Wessendorf performed in the Newell Homecoming parades. I can still picture them on the float -- Leah playing the piano and Mom and Gracie singing, "Hip-Hip-Hooray For Mr. Touchdown!"

I enjoyed visiting with her in recent years, when she was still at home and in the Good Samaritan Center. My sympathy to the family. Rest in peace, Leah...

Sue (Laursen) Anderson

Sue - June 30, 2016 at 10:31 AM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Leah Elizabeth Waterman.*



June 29, 2016 at 05:24 PM

HH

“ Heidi Howard lit a candle in memory of Leah Elizabeth Waterman



Heidi Howard - June 28, 2016 at 07:11 AM



“ Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Leah Elizabeth Waterman.



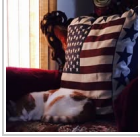
June 27, 2016 at 11:17 AM

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“ DON L LAWSON AND FAMILY purchased the He aling Tears - Lavender and White for the family of Leah Elizabeth Waterman.



DON L LAWSON AND FAMILY - June 26, 2016 at 07:10 PM



“ I am so overwhelmed with sadness on hearing of losing Leah. She was my friend and for 9 years my piano teacher. I have soooo many fond memories of her. I always would visit her to hear her cute laugh. She was a one of a kind. She was so talented playing the piano. Her quiet way of teaching and her expectation of picking the hardest piece for me to play from memory for her annual recital..Egh!!! But she always knew I could do it!!!! I will miss not visiting her. I will miss her kindness . I will truly miss not having her in my life.God bless you Leah!!

Suana Wessendorf - June 26, 2016 at 05:32 PM

JW

Leah was such a wonderful friend to my mom and family---they had some wonderful times together--what a beautiful lady that made a difference in so many peoples lives.

Julie Wilson - June 28, 2016 at 06:36 PM