



## Leona Boettcher

May 23, 1917 - May 10, 2022

Leona A. Boettcher, age 104, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at the Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in rural Storm Lake. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will take place from 9:30 a.m. until the start of the service at the CHURCH. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Leona Alma (Buchholz) Boettcher was born May 23, 1917 at the home of her parents Fred and Ida (Hartje) Buchholz of Grant township, Buena Vista County.

Leona was baptized into the Lutheran faith on June 10, 1917 at Zion Lutheran Church. She reaffirmed her baptismal vows at her confirmation on March 29, 1931 at Zion Lutheran Church. Her confirmation verse was John 5:24. She became a lifelong member of Zion Lutheran Church. In addition to church activities and belonging to Ladies Aid, she was active in farming and housework.

On April 24, 1941 she was married to Victor Boettcher at Zion Lutheran Church. This union was blessed with two children: Darrell of Newton, Iowa

and Marjorie Miller of Storm Lake, Iowa. After being married only a short time, her husband passed away March 30, 1955 leaving her with two children.

Leona moved to a smaller farm near Truesdale, Iowa and farmed for fifteen more years plus worked in town at various jobs.

Leona worked at the Cobblestone ballroom for matinee dances on Sunday night. She volunteered at the coffee shop in the hospital and did housework for various people for 36 years. In 1995, she fell and broke her hip. She had to quit working and moved to McCord Manor.

She was active in quilting, sewing and loved baking pies. Her pride and joy were her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She kept on making things for them and enjoyed people visiting her and talking with them.

Leona is survived by her children: Darrell (Linda) Boettcher of Newton, Iowa; Marjorie Miller of Storm lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Dawn (Tim) Bauer of Adel, Iowa; Chad (Lynn) Miller of Esterville, Iowa; Michael (Jennifer) Miller of Liberty Township, Ohio; Dianna Boettcher of Iowa City, Iowa; Darren (Megan) Boettcher of Ankeny, Iowa; great-grandchildren: Derek, Mia, and Palmer Boettcher of Ankeny, Iowa; Sophia and Logan Miller of Liberty Township, Ohio; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Preceding her in death are her husband, Victor; parents: Fred and Ida Buchholz; son-in-law: Robert Miller; brothers: Art Buchholz; Walter Buchholz; Raymond Buchholz; sisters: Dora Kruse; Paula Madison; Alma Boettcher; Lea Gaes; and many in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Zion Lutheran Cemetery

1725 555th St.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 9:30 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church  
1725 555th St  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

## Funeral Service

MAY 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church  
1725 555th St  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Tribute Wall



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Leona Boettcher.*



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May 13, 2022 at 04:40 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Leona Boettcher.*



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May 13, 2022 at 09:51 AM



“ *Sally Ressler lit a candle in memory of Leona Boettcher*



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**Sally Ressler** - May 12, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leona Boettcher.*



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May 12, 2022 at 04:51 PM

DB

“Where do I even start. So, so many memories. Christmas’ and holidays with food, food and more food. You would just finish eating and she would ask if you wanted dessert. (don’t say no!!) Games, cards, scrabble and hours of Yahtzee .. she could add those dice faster than you could blink. Learning how to make home made jam/jellies and German Knipp. Watching her make pies and cereal bars. She would make us dish towels for our kitchens almost yearly and she made us each a gorgeous quilt. How she used to make Angel food cake with M&Ms for my birthday as a kid and eat peaches with sugar for breakfast. The times we would stay for a week as children and listen (over hear?) the card-playing conversations with her sisters ... in German. Didn’t understand any of it, but pretty sure they were swear words. Going fishing in Okoboji with her refusing to put back the bullheads. She would keep them no matter how small, clean them and fry them up. Going bowling once in a while, however, being she bowled in a league clear up till she was 80 and had a 300 game once, I think we weren’t up to her standards. Patience is not a Boettcher virtue (runs in the family). Going with her to play bingo in Sac City...which, afterwards she had to drive me home in her huge blue LTD, in a horrible blizzard. We did 25 mph the entire way home, but not once did she freak out. Getting her in a limo for her 90th birthday and taking her to the casino. “Oh for Heaven’s sake” she would say... that or “Oh my aching back”. The hugs, the laughter, her favorite color was purple, the stories of her and Shorty, the duplex on Michigan street, the Easter bunny that showed up one year, her hankie ... who ever invented the hankie? Oh man. She has just always been there and it won’t be the same without her. Luv Ya Grandma. ~ Dawn

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Dawn Bauer - May 12, 2022 at 10:13 AM

MM

“ Darrell, Margie and families,  
Leona was such a good friend and cousin to my mom, (Marie Ripke) she lived a great life and was always ready to go play cards with mom. I'm so glad her and mom were close. They both were widows very early in their lives and they both worked so hard to keep their families fed, clothed and loved. May she Rest In Peace, she was a wonderful person.



Marlys Martin - May 11, 2022 at 09:50 PM



“ I first knew Leona when she was 100 yrs old shopping at Walmart. I was helping her with a purchase. In the midst of our conversation she said she was 100. She was going to celebrate at church & with family for her birthday. I was shocked because she certainly did not look 100. I enjoyed,Leona every time she came in the store. What a lady!! I considered Leona a good friend. When I heard of all the trials she endured in her life, I knew it was her faith in God that carried her through. I learned a lot about life in the short time I knew her. Basically to have faith in God and persevere. Rest In Peace,Leona in the hands of the Lord! God bless Leona!! Pat Ryherd.

Charles Ryherd - May 11, 2022 at 06:39 PM

DH

“ Duane & Eldona Hornor lit a candle in memory of Leona Boettcher



Duane & Eldona Hornor - May 11, 2022 at 06:12 PM

FJ

“ 2 files added to the album Memorial Folder



Fratzke & Jensen - May 11, 2022 at 05:39 PM

BM

“ Ben & Judy Malcom lit a candle in memory of Leona Boettcher



Ben & Judy Malcom - May 11, 2022 at 05:38 PM

JD

“ John & Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Leona Boettcher



John & Connie Demers - May 11, 2022 at 07:44 AM