



Luella Lenhart Hoft

February 18, 1922 - May 18, 2016

Luella Lenhart Hoft, age 94, of Storm Lake, Iowa passed away Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will follow in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will take place Friday, May 20, 2016 from 4-7:00 p.m. with a rosary at 4:00 p.m. and a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. all at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Luella Alice Bisenius was born on February 18, 1922, the eldest of five children of Jim and Lydia (Eisele) Bisenius. She was raised on the family farm near Whittemore, Iowa.

Luella graduated in 1938 at age 16 from the Presentation Academy in Whittemore. She pursued further education at the Hamilton School of business in Mason City. In 1940, she moved to Storm Lake to work, where she met James Lenhart. During World War II, Luella and her sister, Bonnie worked in a German POW camp outside Algona. After the war, James and Luella married on January 28, 1946. They made their home on the Lenhart family farm near Storm Lake raising four children.

In 1963, following James's first heart attack, Luella began working at Hy-grade, and later became the high school and parish secretary at St. Mary's. James died in 1978, from a heart attack. Fortunately, Luella was able to have another loving relationship with Don Hoft; married from 1981 until Don's death in 1991.

Following Don's death, Luella continued to live in Storm Lake providing grandmotherly care, passing on her love of music, gardening and strong faith.

For her personal enjoyment, Luella loved raising and canning vegetables, playing cards, playing the piano and organ, trips to Arizona and giving of her time and talent to family, friends and the church.

Luella was a member of the St. Mary's Ladies Guild, Catholic Daughters of America, and hospital auxiliary.

Survivors include: Mary Lou (Howard) Korwes of Phoenix, Arizona; Jay (Deb Haritage) Lenhart of Sioux City, Iowa; Pat (Carol) Lenhart of Storm Lake, Iowa; Mike (Retha) Lenhart of Storm Lake, Iowa; brother, Clem Bisenius of Sioux City, Iowa; sisters: Maxine Connor of Omaha, Nebraska; and Joan (Bill) Woksa of Rochelle, Illinois; grandchildren: Trisha (Rusty) Ortiz of San Mateo, California; Jeff (Ronnelle) Korwes of Surprise, Arizona; Laura Lenhart of Chicago, Illinois; Ben Lenhart of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Emily Lenhart of Charleston, South Carolina; Daniel Lenhart of Des Moines, Iowa; Zachary Lenhart of Storm Lake, Iowa; James Lenhart of Early, Iowa; Becky Lenhart of Des Moines, Iowa; and Kristen Lenhart of Ames, Iowa; great grandchildren: Alexis, Alyssa, and Casyn Korwes, Cate and Amelia Ortiz.

Preceded in death are parents, James and Lydia Bisenius; husband and daughter, James and Ann Frances Lenhart who died at birth; husband, Don Hoft; sister and brother-in-law, Bonnie (Joe) Kavanaugh; brothers-in-law: Don

Lenhart, Leo (Mary Louise) Lenhart, James Connor; sisters-in-law: Beryl Bisenius, Mary (Charles) Staudt, Elizabeth (Art) Krull; nephews and nieces: Tom (Karen) Lenhart, Joe Connor, Jane (Krull) Navarude, Connie Kavanaugh.

Previous Events

Rosary

MAY 20. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

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Vigil Service

MAY 20. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Service

MAY **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca Street
Storm Lake, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Luella Lenhart Hoft*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - May 20, 2016 at 02:06 PM

TC

“ *Teresa McKenna Caslavka lit a candle in memory of Luella Lenhart Hoft*



Teresa McKenna Caslavka - May 23, 2016 at 07:52 PM

JM

“ *Jean Widman Miksch lit a candle in memory of Luella Lenhart Hoft*



Jean Widman Miksch - May 21, 2016 at 08:37 PM

JB

“ *Julia Behm lit a candle in memory of Luella Lenhart Hoft*



Julia Behm - May 20, 2016 at 09:31 PM

JB

You have our prayers and sympathies Pat and Carol.

Julia Behm - May 20, 2016 at 09:32 PM

JM

Sending my love to your family. Your mom was definitely golden. May your loving memories bring great comfort.

Jean Widman Miksch - May 21, 2016 at 08:34 PM

FH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - May 20, 2016 at 02:07 PM

JD

“ *John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Luella Lenhart Hoft*



John and Connie Demers - May 19, 2016 at 09:53 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Luella Lenhart Hoft.*



May 19, 2016 at 08:09 PM



“ *Our sympathy to all the Lenhart & Hoft families. Visited with her about 2 weeks ago while she was riding in wheelchair. When God wants you, He takes you. She is at peace. Prayers, Lary & Patty Gunville*



PATTY GUNVILLE - May 19, 2016 at 06:53 PM



“ *Connie Roche lit a candle in memory of Luella Lenhart Hoft*



Connie Roche - May 19, 2016 at 05:25 PM



“ *Nancy & Clark Gordon lit a candle in memory of Luella Lenhart Hoft*



Nancy & Clark Gordon - May 19, 2016 at 08:21 AM

NA

You are in our thoughts and prayers! HUGS!!

Nancy - May 19, 2016 at 08:22 AM

TC

“ *Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Luella Lenhart Hoff*



Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - May 19, 2016 at 07:22 AM

KA

“ *Kay lit a candle in memory of Luella Lenhart Hoff*



Kay - May 19, 2016 at 06:10 AM



“ *Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Luella Lenhart Hoff.*



May 18, 2016 at 08:24 PM

JC

“ Jeff & Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Luella Lenhart Hoft



Jeff & Jean Chindlund - May 18, 2016 at 05:00 PM

HH

“ Heidi Howard lit a candle in memory of Luella Lenhart Hoft



Heidi Howard - May 18, 2016 at 03:05 PM

TF

“ Tim Cavanaugh Family lit a candle in memory of Luella Lenhart Hoft



Tim Cavanaugh family - May 18, 2016 at 01:35 PM