



Madonna Strait

April 11, 1929 - April 17, 2020

Madonna Strait, age 91, of Storm Lake, Iowa died April 17, 2020 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Madonna (Fitzgerald) Strait, a devoted wife and mother, and a long-time resident of Storm Lake, Ia. died Friday, April 17th at Methodist Manor nursing home at the age of 91, after enduring dementia for the past four years.

Madonna was born on the family farm on April 11th, 1929, the daughter of James D. and Helen Fitzgerald in Clare, Ia. She was the youngest of five and had a lovely childhood on the family farm with her horse, gardening and school dances. She graduated from St. Matthews Catholic High School in Clare and received her teaching certificate from Clark College in Dubuque, Ia. She started her teaching career in the Clare Public School in 1949. She married her childhood sweetheart, Leo Strait on October 20th, 1952 at St. Matthews Catholic Church in Clare, Ia.

Madonna worked as a teacher until she started raising her own family, staying at home to care for them, and teaching them how to be kind, responsible, and respectful. When her children became school age, she began substitute

teaching, and was lucky enough to sometimes even have them in class.

She was a life-long member of the Catholic Church, attended St. Mary's in Storm Lake when the family moved there in 1973, and was a member of St. Mary's Ladies Guild.

She also worked for a time at Buena Vista Stationary and volunteered at St. Mary's S.O.S. store.

Beginning in 1995, Leo and Madonna became snowbirds spending half of every year in Florence, Arizona where they were able to enjoy activities such as golfing, dancing, and enjoying the warm weather and beautiful nature.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years Leo W. Strait, and all 4 of her children, Cindy (Rick) Weaver of St. Peters, Mo., Deb Strait of Eugene, Or., Randy (Carol) Strait of Sioux City, Ia., and Mike Strait of Tucson, Az. She is also survived by 7 grandchildren (Emily Lewis, Carrie Rife, Jenny Weaver, Tim Hofferber, Christina Fox, Steven Strait, Patrick Strait) and 16 great-grandchildren (Ryan Crockett, Max Weaver, Jace Lewis, Caleb Rife, Daisy Rife, Lily Rife, Eli Rife, Sydney Bernard, Naomi Hofferber, Isaac Hofferber, Connor Fox, Chloe Fox, Casey Fox, Cora Fox, Cooper Strait, and Nolan Strait) and a sister-in-law Peggy Fitzgerald of Rockwell City, Ia.

She was preceded in death by – James D. and Helen Fitzgerald of Clare, Ia. and her 3 brothers and 1 sister (James M. Fitzgerald, Delores (Milton) Andersen, Robert (Lois) Fitzgerald, and Leo Fitzgerald.

Tribute Wall

CF

“ Leo, while we know Madonna would have done the same for you, the love, kindness and caring you have shown for her in these last few years was truly exceptional! Please know that we hold you and your family are in our thoughts and in our hearts. May all the wonderful memories you all hold in your hearts bring you comfort in the days ahead. Craig and Nancy Fratzke

Craig and Nancy Fratzke - April 22, 2020 at 05:35 PM

BR

“ Betty/Rick Rohr lit a candle in memory of Madonna Strait



Betty/Rick Rohr - April 21, 2020 at 07:06 PM

JP

“ To Leo & Family, You have our very sincere sympathy on the loss of Madonna. We know she was a wonderful Wife, Mother and Grandmother. She will be in our hearts and prayers and may God be with you all at this time. Harold&Joeleen Passow

Joeleen Passow - April 20, 2020 at 06:06 PM

KM

“ Kevin & Julie McKinney lit a candle in memory of Madonna Strait



Kevin & Julie McKinney - April 20, 2020 at 05:35 PM

TC

“ *Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Madonna Strait*



Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - April 20, 2020 at 01:28 PM

DM

“ *Thinking of you Leo & Family in memory of Madonna Russ & Diane Meyer*



diane meyer - April 20, 2020 at 11:28 AM

SB

“ *Scott & Kristin Bodholdt lit a candle in memory of Madonna Strait*



Scott & Kristin Bodholdt - April 20, 2020 at 11:25 AM

MS

“ *So sorry to hear of Madonna's passing. I will always remember her from working on the Iowa dinner when I was chairman. She was a beautiful lady and became a good friend.*

Mary Shull - April 19, 2020 at 02:01 PM

WT

“ Leo - to you and your family we extend our sympathy. She was such a happy person before this terrible disease. Her energy, laugh and smile will be missed but remembered by all. May God bless you for staying at her side all those many years.
Wilbur & Karen Triplett



Wil & Karen Triplett - April 19, 2020 at 01:40 PM



“ Robert Baschke lit a candle in memory of Madonna Strait



Robert Baschke - April 19, 2020 at 10:38 AM

JD

“ John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Madonna Strait



John/Connie Demers - April 18, 2020 at 02:47 PM

PG

“ OUR MOST HEARTFELT PRAYERS & MEMORIES TO YOU, LEO & YOUR FAMILY. IT IS A BLESSING THAT THE LORD CALLED HER HOME TO HIS HEAVENLY HOME. YOU WILL MISS HER & I WILL TOO, BUT WE KNOW NOW SHE IS IN THE ARMS OF JESUS. PEACE TO ALL.



LOVE, HER FRIEND, PATTY & LARY GUNVILLE

PATTY GUNVILLE - April 18, 2020 at 12:10 PM

KM

dear leo and family deepest sympathy on the loss of madonna i worked with her at bv stationary and she was always one of the sweetest coolest ladies i had the pleasure of knowing i think of her often god bless her her friend karla madsen

karla madsen - April 23, 2020 at 10:46 AM