



## Marcella Eileen Piercy

July 20, 1929 - February 18, 2015

Marcella E. Piercy, age 85, of Newell, Iowa died Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Newell. Burial will follow in the Newell Cemetery. Visitation will take place Friday, February 20, 2015 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Newell. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Newell is in charge of the arrangements.

Marcella Eileen Dirks was born July 20, 1929 in Fonda, Iowa, the daughter of Dick and Gretchen (Ahrens) Dirks.

She was baptized in 1929 at Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pomeroy, Iowa. She was later confirmed in the Presbyterian Church in Fonda, Iowa.

Marcella attended school in Fonda and Varina, Iowa. She furthered her education at the Chicago School of Nursing, where she graduated with a nursing degree.

On October 1, 1950, Marcella was united in marriage to Donald W. Piercy, Sr., at the First Presbyterian Church in Fonda. Together they were blessed with three children: Catherine, Mary, and Donald, Jr.

Marcella and Donald farmed north of Fonda and later west of Newell. They then moved to Newell, where they owned and operated the Piercy Variety Store for fourteen years.

Marcella was currently a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Newell.

In her spare time, Marcella enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, cleaning house, and quilting. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family and hosting get-togethers. She will be remembered as a loving and caring mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Cathy (Dale) Sanders of Ankeny, Iowa; Mary (Larry) Nissen of Storm Lake, Iowa; Donald (Jean) Piercy, Jr. of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Ben (Alison) Sanders of Urbandale, Iowa; Gary Sanders of Ankeny, Iowa; Olivia (Brian) Forney, Spirit Lake, Iowa; Jace Piercy of Ames, Iowa; Alanna Piercy of Storm Lake, Iowa; great-grandchildren: Kayla Schuster of Urbandale, Iowa; Peyton Sanders of Urbandale, Iowa; and Carter Sanders of Urbandale, Iowa; sister, Marjorie Nelson of Somis, California; brothers: Leroy (Donna) Dirks of Fonda, Iowa; Johnny Dirks of Derby, Kansas; Roland (Mary) Dirks of Wichita, Kansas; sister-in-law, Grace (Bill) Wessendorf of Newell, Iowa; extended family and friends.

Marcella was preceded in death by her parents, Dick and Gretchen Dirks; husband, Donald W. Piercy; brothers: Harold, Fred, Edward and Richard; and sisters: Leona, Violet, Eva, Verneeda, and Eileen.

# Cemetery Details

**Newell Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

FEB **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

### Service

FEB **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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310 E 3rd Street  
Newell, IA 50568

### Interment

FEB **21** (CT)

Newell Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to all Marcella family and friends, she will surely be missed but we have so many lovely memories. The wonderful times we spent in her home, the greatest cook and the best desserts. Our younger years at the Varina school and the many miles we walked the Fonda streets on Saturday nights. The dances and roller skating at the Coblestone in Storm Lake. All though she was an angel most of the time, she got us in trouble when we took our church money and brought a strawberry soda float. Fonda being such a small town, the person in the store told Dad us girls had been in there. dad was so shocked that we would do something like that. Of course we had to pay back the money to the church and do some extra work around the farm. Those were the good old days when we were young. Marcella was my best friend and sister, I will miss her.

*Margie Dirks Nelson*

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**Margie Nelson** - February 21, 2015 at 12:55 PM

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**Funeral Home** - February 20, 2015 at 01:19 PM

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“ Jason Holtgrewe lit a candle in memory of  
Marcella Eileen Piercy



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**Jason Holtgrewe** - February 20, 2015 at 12:57 PM

DN

“ David & Linda Nase lit a candle in memory of  
Marcella Eileen Piercy



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**David & Linda Nase** - February 20, 2015 at 08:08 AM

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“ Tim Cavanaugh Family lit a candle in memory  
of Marcella Eileen Piercy



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**Tim Cavanaugh family** - February 20, 2015 at 07:32 AM