



Mareda M. Ewalt

December 11, 1930 - April 13, 2020

On Monday, April 13, 2020, Mareda Ewalt, loving wife, mother, and teacher, passed away at the age of 89.

No services will be held at this time. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge.

Mareda was born in Iowa City on December 11, 1930 to Louie and Mae Hansen of West Branch, Iowa. She attended University High School, where she met her future husband, Merritt, and went on to earn a teaching certificate from the University of Northern Iowa and completing a B.A. degree at Buena Vista University. On June 16, 1951, she and Merritt married. They moved to Storm Lake in 1957 and went on to raise two boys, Steve and Darrell.

While raising her family, Mareda pursued a career as a first-grade teacher. For 37 years she educated young students, primarily within the Storm Lake school district, until her retirement in 1993. Mareda's love of teaching was a central focus in her life and stories of her adventures with students dominated her memory in later years. Knowing that reading was foundational to a successful and productive life, Mareda worked tirelessly helping her "kids" build lifelong literacy skills. Many of her former students still live in Storm Lake.

A member of St. Mark Lutheran Church for more than 60 years, Mareda was

involved in church activities that served the community. She taught Sunday School at St. Mark's and was a devoted quilter, making dozens of quilts for needy families all over the world. Mareda also served on the Witter Gallery board of directors. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading, sports, gardening, birthday club, bridge club and fishing. In fact, she was proud of her "catch of a lifetime", a 28 and ½ inch Walleye landed in Storm Lake!

Mareda was preceded in death by her parents, her two brothers, Chesley Hansen and Darrell Hansen, and her son, Darrell. She is survived by her husband Merritt, her son Steve Ewalt and his wife Wendy of Storm Lake, her daughter-in law Vicky Ewalt of Denver, CO, two grandsons, Kyle and Blair Ewalt of Denver, CO, and several nieces and nephews.

No funeral service is planned at this time.

Tribute Wall

SR

“ On behalf of my mom, Sally Finkbine Baker, I am so sorry for your loss. She was a life-long dear friend of my mom's and our love and prayers go to your whole family. Mom has dementia, but the Merritt and Mereda are deep memories that she retains and speaks of often. Much love to you, Sue Rouleau

Sue Rouleau - April 22, 2020 at 05:38 PM

WT

“ Wil & Karen Triplett lit a candle in memory of Mareda M. Ewalt



Wil & Karen Triplett - April 21, 2020 at 09:52 AM

SL

“ Susan Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Mareda M. Ewalt



Susan Lloyd - April 19, 2020 at 11:29 AM

RR

“ Rex Rimmer



Rex Rimmer - April 18, 2020 at 09:40 AM

MR

“ *Mark And Rita lit a candle in memory of Mareda M. Ewalt*



Mark and Rita - April 17, 2020 at 07:24 PM

KS

“ *What a beautiful person!! She used her talents to make others learn, create, and excel. A wonderful teacher, wife, Mother, and Friend to all.*

Ken and Janet Strouse - April 17, 2020 at 09:00 AM

EM

“ *Sorry to hear that the Lord has taken a very sweet lady from us. She is free from her Earthly body and we thank God for the many lives she touched in such a positive and loving way.*

Erik "Hondo"and Mariellen Mosbo - April 15, 2020 at 11:37 AM

BR

“ *Betty & Rick Rohr lit a candle in memory of Mareda M. Ewalt*



Betty & Rick Rohr - April 14, 2020 at 06:51 PM

JD

“ *John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Mareda M. Ewalt*



John/Connie Demers - April 14, 2020 at 01:09 PM

MW

Jean and I always enjoyed our chats with Mareda and Merritt as we were completing our walks when we lived in Storm Lake. She was a wonderful person and always asked about Andy and our grandchildren. She was a wonderful person. Mike Whitlatch

Michael Whitlatch - April 17, 2020 at 10:11 AM