



## Marlene Ardis Grunig

July 12, 1928 - December 14, 2015

Marlene A. Grunig, age 87, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Monday, December 14, 2015 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 18, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Burial will follow in the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place Thursday, December 17, 2015 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Marlene Ardis Olson was born July 12, 1928 in Albert City, Iowa, the daughter of Emmanuel and Hedvig (Hultman) Olson.

In 1941, Marlene was baptized at the Assembly of God Church in Storm Lake. She was later confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in Storm Lake in 1947.

Marlene attended Albert City Consolidated School until third grade, then attended school in Early for one year. She moved to Storm Lake where she finished school, graduating in 1946.

On May 18, 1947, Marlene was united in marriage to Lester Louis Grunig at St. John Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Together they were blessed with

three children: Tom, Susan, and Mary.

Marlene continued to stay active at St. John Lutheran Church, volunteering for the Ladies Aid, Altar Guild, and as a Sunday school teacher. She will be remembered for always putting Christ at the center of her life.

A special memory of Marlene's was her trip to Europe. She also enjoyed attending and watching Iowa Hawkeye Football games. Most of all, Marlene loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Tom (Kristin) Grunig of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa; Susan Miller of Littleton, Colorado; Mary (Terry) Parson of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Ben Grunig of Arvada, Colorado; Kelly Grunig of Sioux City, Iowa; Chad (Kelsey) Miller of Centreville, Virginia; Sean Miller of Littleton, Colorado; Kara (Edwin) Lorenzo of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Tyler (Melinda) Parson of Holstein, Iowa; great grandchildren: Alexis and Azik Lester Grunig of Parker, Colorado; Belle and Cayden Hathaway of Sioux City, Iowa; Lina and Adonis Lorenzo of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Silas and Deacon Parson of Holstein, Iowa; sister-in-law, Marian Kjolhede of Alta, Iowa; brother-in-law, Charles (Dorothy) Perrin of Cherokee, Iowa; many nieces and nephews; extended family and friends.

Marlene was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lester Grunig in 2013; step-father, John Harrison; sisters: Doris (Howard) Hall, Joyce Perrin, Arleta Cossman; son-in-law, Michael Miller; and brothers-in-law: Roy (Gladys) Grunig, Arnold Kjolhede, Ansgar (Lorna) Forsberg, Joseph (Ellen) Heun.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
(712) 732-1911  
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com  
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

## Service

DEC 18. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church -- Storm Lake  
402 Lake Ave.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marlene Ardis Grunig*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - December 16, 2015 at 02:54 PM

GT

“ *In 2011 or 2012 I drove my Dad, Gar Grunig, to Storm Lake so he could visit one more time with Les & Marlene. Dad & Les started to talk about the war years and they were in their world. Marlene, Marion, & I ended up around the dining room table in our own conversation. Marlene had made dinner for all of us. Marlene was the most gracious, kind, and beautiful lady. In 2009 we had Dad's 90th birthday/family reunion for the Grunigs & Geuther families & Marlene, Marion and Ron drove to Madelia for the fantastic celebration. Dad, his sisters LaDonna & Lois, and Dad's brother Bill were so happy to see them come. Les couldn't make the trip because of his legs. My Dad has been gone almost 4 months, what is so sad is that that generation are almost all gone. Sympathies to all of Marlene's family. She was a wonderful lady.*

*Gayle Grunig Tangen*

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**Gayle Grunig Tangen** - December 18, 2015 at 09:04 AM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – Red was purchased for the family of Marlene Ardis Grunig.*



December 18, 2015 at 04:36 AM



“ *Dana, Steve, Sharon and Diane purchased the Sympathy fireside Basket in Christmas Colors for the family of Marlene Ardis Grunig.*



**Dana, Steve, Sharon and Diane** - December 18, 2015 at 02:08 AM



“ *To Mary, Terry, Tom, Kris and family. I just wanted you to know, how sorry I am for your loss. I will always look back and have fond memories of Les and Marlene, they were very nice and compassionate people. I will always cherish my time with them Love, Colby.*

**Colby Wilken** - December 17, 2015 at 05:39 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



**Funeral Home** - December 17, 2015 at 02:37 PM

MF

“ *Marlene was a beautiful classy woman!! When ever she and Lester were together, you could feel the love they had for each other. Marlene was so kind to keep in touch with my in laws-Vernon and Martha Fett. It meant a lot to my late husband Larry and !!!! What a blessing for her family to have had such a good Christian woman in their life. Prayers for each of you! Margaret Fett St. Paul, Mn*

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**Margaret Fett** - December 16, 2015 at 05:34 PM

SR

“ *Just wanted to send one more short memory. While talking with Lynn this morning, he said that he remembered when Lester and Marlene came to his high school graduation reception. I also have a photo when they attended my graduation reception plus my wedding. Memories are always so special.*

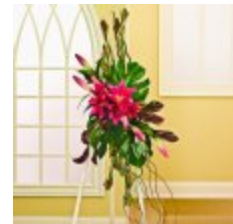
*Susan (Theesfield) Rossow.*

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**Susan Rossow** - December 16, 2015 at 03:48 PM

DK

“ *Don, Dana and Clare Kenney purchased the Eternal Paradise for the family of Marlene Ardis Grunig.*



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**Don, Dana and Clare Kenney** - December 16, 2015 at 08:37 AM

DK

“ Dear Tom & Kris, Sue, Mary & Terry and all your beautiful children and grandchildren,

*I am sad of course that Marlene is gone, especially since I couldn't see her when I was there this summer. I will take this opportunity to let you know how much I love your Mom. She was a totally devoted sister to my Mom and, together with your Dad, gave generously of their time to help her during her many years of illness, and to visit her and show their love when she was in various nursing homes. Marlene has always been kind and gentle with me and all of my siblings, and I will always treasure the letters she wrote me, sometimes included with a birthday or Christmas card, and sometimes just because she thought of me. Sue always said your Mom was like a social worker, trying to help everyone, and that is so true. What I will never forget is every time we visited her (and your Dad), she was always so loving and gracious, pulling out all of the photos of the family and making sure to keep us involved in each others' lives. I will truly miss her but know that as a devoted Christian she is in God's arms. My heart goes out to all of you. I think of you always, and will do so on Friday as well.*

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**Dana Kenney** - December 16, 2015 at 07:32 AM

SR

“ Sympathies to Marene's family. She and Lester were special friends of the Theesfield family. It was nice to see their smiles at church services and other events. It is tough to lose that last parent but I am sure that you have many good memories that will carry you through in the future.

*Susan (Theesfield) Rossow.*

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**Susan Rossow** - December 15, 2015 at 11:21 PM

SR

“ *My sympathies to the family of Marlene. She and Lester were special friends to the Theesfield family. We enjoyed seeing them at church services plus events at the church. Their smiles were always nice to see. It is always difficult to lose that last parent but I know the special memories will bring you comfort and peace.*

*Susan (Theesfield) Rossow.*

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**Susan Rossow** - December 15, 2015 at 11:07 PM

BS

“ *Brenda Simmons lit a candle in memory of Marlene Ardis Grunig*



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**Brenda Simmons** - December 15, 2015 at 06:55 PM



Michelle  
Koth  
Mason

“ *Michelle Koth Mason lit a candle in memory of Marlene Ardis Grunig*



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**Michelle Koth Mason** - December 15, 2015 at 04:24 PM

TC

“ *Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Marlene Ardis Grunig*



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**Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh** - December 15, 2015 at 07:41 AM

DG

“ Our condolences to the famly of Marlene Grunig. She was a very special person who will always be fondly remembered by our family.

*Dave and Nancy Grunig*

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**Dave Grunig** - December 14, 2015 at 11:43 PM



Connie  
Poeppe  
Jesse

“ Connie Poeppe Jesse lit a candle in memory of Marlene Ardis Grunig

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**Connie Poeppe Jesse** - December 14, 2015 at 09:43 PM



DH

“ Doris Harvey lit a candle in memory of Marlene Ardis Grunig

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**Doris Harvey** - December 14, 2015 at 08:01 PM



DJ

“ Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Marlene Ardis Grunig

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**Deb and Kevin Jesse** - December 14, 2015 at 01:28 PM



JD

“ *John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Marlene Ardis Grunig*



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**John and Connie Demers** - December 14, 2015 at 12:42 PM

JD

*Out thoughts and prays go out to Marlene's family. May the special memories you have help you through this difficult time.*

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**John and Connie Demers** - December 14, 2015 at 12:43 PM

HH

“ *Heidi Howard lit a candle in memory of Marlene Ardis Grunig*



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**Heidi Howard** - December 14, 2015 at 12:39 PM