



## Myrtle E. Stephens

October 7, 1927 - November 13, 2022

Myrtle E. Stephens, age 95, of Grimes, Iowa formerly of Storm Lake, Iowa passed away on Sunday, November 13, 2022.

Funeral services will take place Monday, November 21, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Wall Lake Cemetery in Wall Lake, Iowa. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of arrangements.

Myrtle Eleanor, the daughter of William V. Geake and Mabel (Law) Geake, was born on the home farm near the small town of Richard, Saskatchewan, Canada on October 7, 1927. She was 7 years old when she moved with her parents an sister, Ethel, and brother, Bill, to her Grandfather David Law's farm near Wall Lake, Iowa. She attended Viola #4 country school, and graduated as valedictorian from Wall Lake High School in 1946.

Myrt furthered her education at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa and received her bachelor's degree in education in 1949. She taught elementary P.E. in Harlan, Iowa for two years, Ida Grove, Iowa for one year, and finished her teaching career in Storm Lake, Iowa where she retired in 1990. She was always inventing new, fun activities for the children and lots of planning went into the annual elementary track meet that was held each spring.

Myrt was united in marriage to Kenneth R. Stephens on July 6, 1950 in Wall Lake, Iowa at the United Methodist Church and they celebrated 67 years together before Ken passed away in 2017. Together, they were blessed with three children: Gwen, Bill, and Craig.

Myrt was very active in the Storm Lake community. She belonged to Eastern Star where she served as a Worthy Matron, P.E.O. Chapter NM, Red Hat Ladies, and was involved with her church circle group helping serve many luncheons & dinners. She also spent many nights and weekends selling Tupperware products in Buena Vista County. After her retirement, she worked with the hospital as a weekly scheduler and deliverer of Meals on Wheels and also helped as a precinct director during election time.

Myrt had many collections, with her favorites being turtles and zebras. She loved going to garage sales, estate sales, and auctions. She was always good at finding 'treasures' and although some might need a repair, Mr. Fix It (Ken) was always willing to oblige.

Myrt loved to entertain for her family and friends. She was a wonderful cook and loved to bake. It was always important to her to have plenty of food for everyone and she took great pride in how she decorated her holiday tables.

Myrt and Ken took many wonderful trips which included Hawaii, Alaskan cruise, England, and many of the states. After retirement, they enjoyed many summers at their condo in Okoboji and they wintered in Arizona where they gained many treasured friends. After living over 50 years in Storm Lake, Iowa, Myrt and Ken moved to Grimes, Iowa in 2008 to be closer to family.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Gwen (Marshall) Enderlin of Norwalk, Iowa; Bill (Tana) Stephens of McKinney, Texas; Craig

(Debbie) Stephens of Minnetonka, Minnesota; grandchildren: Heather (Luke) Tingley of Urbandale, Iowa; Aaron (Anne) Enderlin of Grimes, Iowa; Amanda Stephens (fiancé Henry Kunerth) of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Blair Stephens of McKinney, Texas; Leslie Stephens (Josh Jones) of Minneapolis, Minnesota; great-grandchildren: Noah, Evan, & Mila Tingley; Kai & Bryn Enderlin; sister-in-law: Lucille Geake of Wall Lake, Iowa; extended family and friends.

Myrt was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ken; sister, Ethel Hughes; brother, William Geake; and brother-in-law, Howard Hughes.

# Cemetery Details

## Wall Lake Cemetery

Wall Lake, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Myrtle E. Stephens*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 19, 2022 at 04:58 PM



“ *Pat Petersen lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Stephens*



Pat Annette Petersen - November 21, 2022 at 11:06 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 20, 2022 at 12:59 PM

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“ Jennifer Peters lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Stephens



Jennifer Peters - November 19, 2022 at 06:23 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Myrtle E. Stephens.



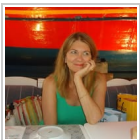
November 19, 2022 at 12:42 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Myrtle E. Stephens.



November 18, 2022 at 08:37 PM



“ Mrs. Stephens was the most wonderful PE teacher. She was perky and positive and cheered everyone on. She was a bright light in our lives always. I can still hear her voice as she introduced to new games and ways of exercising. She was funny. Such a gift. My sympathies to the family. She was special.



Sandy Cold - November 18, 2022 at 07:43 PM

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“ Sweet “Myrt” Stephens was our neighbor on Barton St. She was such a spunky, little lady! My favorite memory of her is... I woke up for school one morning and realized that the “pink hair tape” method of holding down unruly bangs didn’t work since I use white medical tape (for lack of pink hair tape 😬) My mom worked at SL Drug and had to leave early for work that morning so I was ok to get myself off to school. After attempting to yank the white, sticky tape from my gnarly bangs with no success I frantically called my mom! She put out an SOS call to Myrt to help me and get me to school on time. The only solution was to cut my bangs! 😬 Then off to school we went. My “stylish” curly bangs now resembled the bristles on an old toothbrush! 😬☐ Mrs. Stephens was a neighbor, a teacher and above all a loving mom. It takes a village! 💕💕

Kayla Steffens - November 18, 2022 at 12:29 PM

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“ Sharron Culbertson lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Stephens



Sharron Culbertson - November 16, 2022 at 12:09 PM

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“ A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF MYRT STEPHENS. A VERY SPECIAL PERSON. TO HER FAMILY, PRAYERS & SYMPATHY. RIP,MYRT.



JOY, PEACE & LOVE, LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE

PATTY GUNVILLE - November 16, 2022 at 11:40 AM

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“ Cheryl DeMan lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Stephens



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**Cheryl DeMan** - November 15, 2022 at 07:36 AM

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“ Oh I am in shock reading Myrt passed away. Mom and Dad, Kenny and Beatta Edwards loved Myrt and Ken. I have been trying to call her for a couple of months for Mom with no luck. May God bless this wonderful lady and a good friend. My heart breaks but I have many memories of both Myrt and Ken! They will BOTH always bring a smile to my face. I can just her that wonderful laugh of hers. Thinking of you entire family. Ann (Edwards) Russell and Beatta Edwards

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**Ann Russell** - November 14, 2022 at 07:34 PM