



## Orlean Skibsted

October 29, 1924 - July 29, 2018

Orlean Skibsted, age 93, of Storm Lake, Iowa died on Sunday, July 29, 2018 at the Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, August 4, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place on Friday, August 3, 2018 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Orlean Mavis Skibsted was born on October 29, 1924 on a farm near Alta, Iowa, the daughter of John and Margaret (Patton) Bruns.

She was baptized on June 16, 1935 at the Methodist Church in Schaller, Iowa. She was a member of the Methodist Church in Galva, Iowa then became a member of the Nain Lutheran Church of Newell, Iowa. She has since been a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Orlean attended country school and then moved to Galva where she graduated in 1942 from Galva Consolidated School. She was very active in 4-H and was a member of the champion home efficiency demonstration team of Iowa in 1940.

Orlean attended the National Business Training and AIB Business School in Sioux City where she also played on the NBT basketball team.

In 1944, she married Wilburn Pender, who was later killed in World War II.

Orlean was united in marriage to Thorton Skibsted on February 2, 1947 at the Nain Lutheran Church in Newell, Iowa. Together they were blessed with four children: Larry Dean, Jacqueline Margaret, John Martin, and David Allen.

Orlean and Thorton raised their family on the farm where she was a homemaker, mother, and she also worked as a legal secretary and bookkeeper at the local bank and the rural electric company.

She taught Sunday school and was active in Ladies Aid. Orlean was very active in the Buena Vista Hospital Auxiliary and held an officer position for many years. She was also a charter member of the American Legion and Amvets Auxiliaries. She belonged to the country club and several card clubs. She enjoyed all kinds of sports, especially playing golf and basketball. Orlean also enjoyed traveling throughout the years, taking many cruises and bus trips. She has traveled and visited all 50 states. She will be remembered as a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Larry Skibsted of Smithville, Missouri; Jacqueline (Dennis) McWhirter of Marquand, Missouri; John (Karen) Skibsted of Ada, Oklahoma; Dave (Connie) Skibsted of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Sarah Skibsted of Boulder, Colorado; Michelle (Walt) Fordyce of Blue Springs, Missouri; Rob Groth of Peoria, Illinois; Rachel Groth of Peoria, Illinois; Jamie (Norman) Herrera of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Andy (Marla) Kimbrell of Ada, Oklahoma; Heather (Tyler) Reed of

Ada, Oklahoma; Amy (Dre) Oliver of Blaine, Minnesota; Ben (Bridget) Skibsted of Pine Island, Minnesota; Nick (Kim) Skibsted of Brandon, South Dakota; great-grandchildren: Aurora Fordyce; Chelsea (Ryan) Temple; Imani Oliver; Madelyn and Lucy Skibsted; Trey, Rylie, and Myles Skibsted; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Orlean was preceded in death by her husband, Thorton "Skip" who died in 1987; her parents, John and Margaret Bruns; brother, Bloyce Bruns; sister, Phrona Johnson; brothers-in-law, Earl Johnson and Herluf Pedersen; sister-in-law, Vivian Pedersen; father and mother-in-law, Martin and Lona Skibsted.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 3. 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

AUG 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church -- Storm Lake  
1614 West 5th Street  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
<http://www.stmarkstormlake.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Orlean Skibsted*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - August 02, 2018 at 12:59 PM

PH

“ *I have so many memories of my Aunt Orlean. I loved the times at their farm with all my cousins. Later I enjoyed hearing of her travels and her many card clubs. She will be missed. ❤️❤️❤️❤️*

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**Pamela Horne** - August 04, 2018 at 10:50 AM

BS

“ *Our family goes back a long ways with the Skibsted's as my grandparents lived in the now ghost town of Juniata which bordered the Skibsted farm. In particular their son Larry and I were close in school and played sports together. My mother grew up with them too. Always a sad, reflective time when a parent passes away. I want Larry and the family to know I am thinking of them at this difficult time.*

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**Bari Strader** - August 03, 2018 at 11:18 AM

VO

*My family lived on a farm next to the Skibsteds. Larry and I were in the same grade at country school in Sulphur Springs. Many fun times were spent playing at their house. Thinking of all of you at this time. Virgie Oatman*

**Virgie Oatman** - August 05, 2018 at 09:50 PM

PG

“ *A candle has been lit in memory of Orlean. to her family, we offer our prayers & sympathy. May Orlean now RIP.*

*love, Lary & Patty Gunville  
Storm Lake, Iowa*



**PATTY GUNVILLE** - August 02, 2018 at 07:33 PM



“ *90 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - August 02, 2018 at 11:54 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 02, 2018 at 11:35 AM



“ Sincerest Sorrow - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Orlean Skibsted.



August 01, 2018 at 01:37 PM



“ Orlean was a very special person\ . She and my Mom, LaRue spent many happy hours playing cards and talking . She will be missed by all of us. Glen and I send our sympathy and love. Glen and Jan Terry Hofmeyer

glen hofmeyer - August 01, 2018 at 11:12 AM



“ John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Orlean Skibsted



John and Connie Demers - July 31, 2018 at 04:56 PM

JD

*Our sympathy to the family. Orlean was a sweet lady and will be missed my many.*

**John and Connie Demers** - July 31, 2018 at 04:57 PM

JP

*You are in our thoughts. In Sioux City with Larry as he is patient at Mercy. Otherwise we would be there to express our sympathies in person. Larry and Joleen (Mernin) Peters*

**Joleen Peters** - August 03, 2018 at 10:50 AM

MH

“ *Enjoyed playing bridge with Orlean for a lot of years. She will be missed*

**Mary Hartman** - July 31, 2018 at 03:53 PM

DM

“ *Diane Meyer lit a candle in memory of Orlean Skibsted*



**diane meyer** - July 31, 2018 at 08:50 AM

DM

*A great card partner for Mother & bridge*

**diane meyer** - July 31, 2018 at 08:52 AM

DM

*A great card partner for Mother 7 Bridge*

**diane meyer** - July 31, 2018 at 08:55 AM

DM

*A great card parthner with Mother & bridge*

**diane meyer** - July 31, 2018 at 08:58 AM

CN

“ Orlean was such a sweet loving lady. Always enjoyed her. So sorry for your loss.  
Wade & Cheri Nehring family.



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**Cheri Nehring** - July 30, 2018 at 10:00 PM

RS

“ Dave Sorry to hear about MOM passing away  
.your family are in are prayers at this  
time.Robin Stephan



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**Robin STEPHAN** - July 30, 2018 at 09:38 PM