



Phyllis J. Davis

May 12, 1938 - November 5, 2025

Phyllis J. Davis, age 87, of Spencer, Iowa, formerly of Storm Lake, Iowa died November 5, 2025 at St. Luke Lutheran Nursing Home in Spencer.

Memorial Mass will take place Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held Tuesday, November 11, 2025 from 5-6:30 p.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Mary's School in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Phyllis Jean Sampers was born May 12, 1938 to Joseph and Christina (Werkmeister) Sampers in Early, Iowa. She was baptized as an infant at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Early. Growing up, Phyllis attended elementary school at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Early. She went on to attend high school at St. Mary's Catholic School in Storm Lake, graduating in 1956.

In her younger years, Phyllis loved roller skating. This is where she met the love of her life, Merlin Davis. Merlin was persistent in visiting Phyllis at the soda shop where she worked and on June 16, 1956, they were united in marriage at St. Mary's Catholic Church. They were blessed with eight children:

Amy, Doug, Brad, Letha, Diane, Jane, William, and Karl.

Faith was the cornerstone of Phyllis's life. She attended church services at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spencer, Iowa, St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake, Iowa, and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Cherokee, Iowa. Throughout the years, Phyllis served as a lector and Eucharistic minister. She was also a member of the Ladies Guild and involved with CCD.

Phyllis worked at Randall's and HyVee Bakeries. She was a devoted mother and passed down her love of baking to her children. Every summer, she would pack picnics and go on camping trips with her family. She enjoyed tending to her garden and canning. Square dancing with Merlin brought Phyllis great joy. They loved traveling in their truck and fifth wheel trailer, making many memories during two trips to Alaska and visiting all the continental states. She and Merlin spent the winter months in Bullhead City, Arizona. You could find Phyllis crocheting, putting together jigsaw puzzles, volunteering at the SOS store, and playing games with family. Phyllis enjoyed collecting Precious Moments, shopping with her daughters and watching Hallmark movies. She made spending time with grandchildren and great grandchildren a priority. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Phyllis is survived by her children: Amy (Steven) Andrews of Alva, Florida; Doug (Lynette) Davis of Overland Park, Kansas; Brad (Denice) Davis of Idaho Falls, Idaho; Letha (Lance) Grigsby of Gretna, Nebraska; Diane (Mark) Sahr of Minnetrista, Minnesota; Jane (Herb) Besaw of Spencer, Iowa; William (Kim) Davis of Yokosuka, Japan; Karl (Kelly) Davis of Elkhorn, Nebraska; brother: Mark (Camille) Sampers of Apple Valley, Minnesota; sisters: Joyce (Gary) Olson of Storm Lake, Iowa; Beverly Jorgensen of Grinnell, Iowa; Elizabeth Sampers-Jacobs (Joe) of Sioux City, Iowa; grandchildren: Laurie (Ryan), Joseph (Amber), Brian (Uyen), Courtney (Matt), Scott (Summer), and Marika; Kasey (Kristyne), Caden, Elizabeth, (Gerrit), Ian (Hannah), and Jennifer;

Jayson (Laura), Jenna (Brad), Callie (Evan), and Kyle; Stefan, Joseph, and Andrew; Alexa (Harlan); Levi (Molly) and Katie; 24 great grandchildren; siblings-in-law: Pamela Sampers, Su Sampers; Vivian Sliefert; Ruth Davis; Leonard Brummer; extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, beloved husband Merlin Davis and his parents (Wayne and Lovicy Davis); siblings: Donald (Joan) Sampers; Marjorie (Richard) Andrews; Robert Sampers; David Sampers; infant brother: Francis Sampers; siblings-in-law: John Rogers; Eldon Davis; Margaret Brummer; Phyllis (Everett) Lenhart; and Harold Sliefert.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

1238 600th St.
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Mass

NOV 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca St
Storm Lake, IA 50588

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Phyllis J. Davis*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 11, 2025 at 03:03 PM



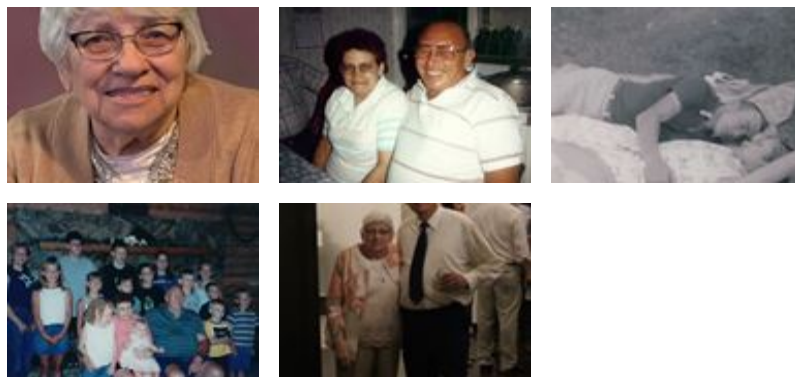
“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 11, 2025 at 04:01 PM



“ *471 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 11, 2025 at 01:13 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Phyllis J. Davis.*



November 11, 2025 at 10:37 AM



“ *Summit Dental Northside Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis J. Davis.*

Summit Dental Northside Team - November 11, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ *Summit Dental Northside Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Phyllis J. Davis.*



Summit Dental Northside Team - November 11, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ *Love...Angie Bird & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis J. Davis.*

Love...Angie Bird & family - November 11, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis J. Davis.*



November 11, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ *Extending my sympathies to the family, Phyllis and Vivian were always a hoot to work with at the HyVee Bakery!*

Cory Nydene - November 10, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Phyllis J. Davis.*



November 10, 2025 at 12:37 PM



“ *Steven Welch Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis J. Davis.*

Steven Welch Family - November 10, 2025 at 12:12 PM



“ *Steven Welch Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Phyllis J. Davis.*



Steven Welch Family - November 10, 2025 at 12:12 PM

EA

“ Elizabeth A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis J. Davis.

Elizabeth A. - November 09, 2025 at 04:25 PM

EA

“ Elizabeth A. purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Phyllis J. Davis.



Elizabeth A. - November 09, 2025 at 04:25 PM

CM

“ She was a wonderful person to work with at the Hy-Vee bakery!

Cynthia Morton - November 07, 2025 at 01:06 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis J. Davis.



November 07, 2025 at 11:43 AM

LS

“ Love, Dona, Chris, Tom & Shelly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis J. Davis.

Love, Dona, Chris, Tom & Shelly - November 06, 2025 at 07:05 PM

LS

“ Love, Dona, Chris, Tom & Shelly purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Phyllis J. Davis.



Love, Dona, Chris, Tom & Shelly - November 06, 2025 at 07:05 PM

BI

“ Buena Vista University ITSS planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis J. Davis.

Buena Vista University ITSS - November 06, 2025 at 04:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Phyllis J. Davis.



November 06, 2025 at 04:35 PM

DJ

“ deb jesse lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Davis



deb jesse - November 06, 2025 at 12:27 PM