



## Shirley LaDonn Strait

July 21, 1934 - February 16, 2026

Shirley Strait, age 91, of Storm Lake, Iowa died February 16, 2026 at her residence in Storm Lake.

Memorial services will take place Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. Visitation will be held Tuesday, February 24, 2026 from 1-3:00 p.m. at the CHURCH. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Shirley was born July 21, 1934 to Martin and Matilda (Buschenfeld) Heeren in Rock Rapids, Iowa. She was baptized at the United Methodist Church in Rock Rapids. Shirley also attended school in Rock Rapids, graduating in 1952.

On August 19, 1956, Shirley was united in marriage to Lyle "Ben" Strait in Rock Rapids. To this union, four children were born: Rex, Randy, Nancy and Thia.

Shirley was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. She and Ben found joy in dancing, golfing and traveling together. Many memories were made on camping trips with her family. In her free time, Shirley could be found crafting and sewing. In the warmer months, she enjoyed tending to her flower beds

and vegetable gardens. Shirley looked forward to getting together with her friends during Cosmopolitan Club and Questor's Club. She will be remembered for her caring, thoughtful, and loving spirit.

Shirley's memory lives on with her children: Rex Strait of Marion, Iowa; Randy (Sharon) Strait of Lexington, Illinois; Nancy Bell of Iowa City, Iowa; Thia Rose of Iowa City, Iowa; grandchildren: Rachael (David) Bennett of Greenville, South Carolina; Michelle Strait of Marion, Iowa; Jessica (Wes) Linville of Marion, Iowa; Adam (Alissa) Strait of Chenoa, Illinois; Lisa (Tim) Donovan of St. Charles, Missouri; Nate (Melissa) Strait of Bartonville, Illinois; 15 great-grandchildren; nieces: Cathy Van Meeteren; Pam Scheepstra; Mary Thomas; Anne Ageson; nephew: Tom Tille; extended family and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband: Ben Strait; siblings: Luke Heeren; Harry Heeren; Johanna Heeren, Al Heeren, Marvin Heeren, Vern Heeren; sister-in-law: Leota Tille; and nephew: Mark Tille.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **24.** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church -- Storm Lake  
211 East 3rd Street  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

## Funeral Service

FEB **24.** 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley LaDonn Strait*



**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - February 18 at 03:31 PM

DA

“ *I really enjoyed writing to and receiving letters from Shirley after Vern died she was a wonderful lady and Vern loved her very much. RIP*

**Dave Anderson** - March 01 at 05:37 PM

CD

“ *Cheryl DeMan lit a candle in memory of Shirley Strait*



**Cheryl DeMan** - February 25 at 01:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley LaDonn Strait.*



February 24 at 08:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley LaDonn Strait.

February 24 at 08:41 AM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - February 23 at 04:15 PM



“ Dwight Young, Bruce & Deb, and Becky purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Shirley LaDonn Strait.



Dwight Young, Bruce & Deb, and Becky - February 22 at 12:28 PM



“ May God wrap his healing arms around all of you through this most difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Don and Lois Crouch

Don Crouch - February 20 at 11:15 PM

JA

“ I will be sending a memorial contribution to the Methodist Church Women of Faith in honor of my friend Shirley. She was a beautiful person and a faithful friend. My deepest sympathy and love to her beloved family. Joann Ashton Nevada, Iowa

Joann B. Ashton - February 20 at 03:05 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley LaDonn Strait.



February 18 at 03:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shirley LaDonn Strait.



February 18 at 12:25 PM

LC

“ Shirley was one of those kind people that you meet along life's way. We send our condolences to her family at this sad time.  
Bill & Lana Crilly



Lana Crilly - February 18 at 11:56 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Shirley LaDonn Strait.*



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February 18 at 09:16 AM



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“ 1 file added to the album Shirley LaDonn Strait



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**Karen Rosene** - February 17 at 06:44 PM



*Thanks so much for your friendship with my parents! They loved you and trusted you both so much. Randy Strait*

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**Randy Strait** - February 18 at 02:02 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Shirley LaDonn Strait.*



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February 17 at 02:27 PM

RT

“ *rae and mike thompson lit a candle in memory of Shirley Strait*



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**rae and mike thompson** - February 17 at 01:50 PM

JW

“ *Joan Whitney lit a candle in memory of Shirley Strait*



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**Joan Whitney** - February 17 at 05:47 AM