



## Velma L. Peterson

July 24, 1920 - November 15, 2022

Velma L. Peterson, age 102, of Storm Lake, Iowa died on November 15, 2022, at the Methodist Manor in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will take place Friday, November 18, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Alta. Burial will be in the Elk Township Cemetery in Alta. Visitation will be held Thursday, November 17, 2022 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of arrangements.

Velma Lucile (Mooney) Peterson was born July 24, 1920, to Harry and Daisy (Boots) Mooney at their rural Nemaha home. She was one of the first babies to be baptized in early 1921 at the newly constructed Nemaha Methodist Church in Nemaha, Iowa. Velma grew up on a farm in rural Nemaha until the family moved to Nemaha. Velma went to school at Nemaha, graduating in 1937. After graduation, she worked as the telephone operator in Nemaha.

Velma was Miss Nemaha in 1939 and competed for Miss Iowa at the Clay County Fair. She always said she was the only contestant from Nemaha. She was also honored to be the Community Education Volunteer of the Year.

On December 18, 1941, Wesley Peterson and Velma Mooney were married in her parents' home. To this union two children were born, Janis and Lynn.

Velma was able to follow Wes to Army bases in Georgia and Texas before he was deployed overseas for WWII. She then moved back home with her parents. When Wes returned, they moved to the Fairview community and continued to operate a service station on Highway 3 in rural Alta, Wes's DX, for almost 50 years. They were involved with the Fairview community and enjoyed their neighbors and considered them friends. After their children were older, Velma worked at JC Penney for over 27 years.

Velma belonged to the Methodist Church in Nemaha until she married Wes. After that she joined the Elk Baptist Church, rural Alta, until the church closed. At that time, they joined the United Methodist Church in Alta, Iowa. She taught Sunday School at Elk Baptist and held several offices at both Elk Baptist and United Methodist Church in Alta. Her faith was very important to her, and when she no longer was able to attend church, she would watch sermons on TV, as well as listening to KAYL.

Velma loved her family and attended many sporting events, dance recitals, and concerts for both her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was most happy when with family. Velma also belonged to the Busy Bee Club. She also belonged to two card clubs. She was a volunteer at the gift shop at the Buena Vista Regional Hospital for many years. Velma also was a girls 4H leader for many years. She loved going to Dinner Date three times a week for many years. She counted them as part of her extended family. Velma was honored with the Dinner Date Senior Citizens Volunteer of the Year award in 2010.

Velma loved watching sports on TV. She loved watching the Iowa Hawkeyes and Iowa State Cyclones. She would often say that she had both sweatshirts hanging side by side in her closet and they got along just fine. She also loved to watch the Twins and Cubs.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children: Jan and Donny Nolte of Lakeside, Iowa; Lynn and Deborah Peterson of Sac City, Iowa; grandchildren: Angela (Adam) Kutz of Lakeside, Iowa; Scott (Tina) Nolte of Spencer, Iowa; Amy (Brian Feld) of Clear Lake, Iowa; Jereme Altendorf (special friend: Lynn Kenealy) of Anchorage, Alaska; Sara Regenscheid of Sac City, Iowa; Heidi (Dana) Lohff of Sac City, Iowa; great-grandchildren: Ashley Neumann; Andrew Kutz; Jasmin Beal; Emma White; Harper Nolte; Kinnick Nolte; Zach Feld; Kaleb Feld; Zemira Timberlake; Lauren Regenscheid; Jacque Lohff; Wade Lohff; plus many other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband: Wesley on March 19, 1991; her parents: Harry and Daisy Mooney; brother: Marvin (Ruth) Mooney; Wes's parents: Marinus and Annie Peterson; siblings in law: Bernice (Charles) Harding; Hubert Frederickson; Helen and Allie Johnson; Virginia (Thomas) Aldrich; brother: Virgil (Pauline) Peterson; and Wes's baby sister, Celeste, who died in infancy.

# Cemetery Details

## Elk Township Cemetery -- Alta

Alta, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Alta  
301 Alta Vista Street  
Alta, IA 51002  
(712) 284-2141  
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com  
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

## Funeral Service

NOV 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church -- Alta  
218 Prospect  
Alta, IA 51002

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Velma L. Peterson*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - November 17, 2022 at 11:08 AM

MP

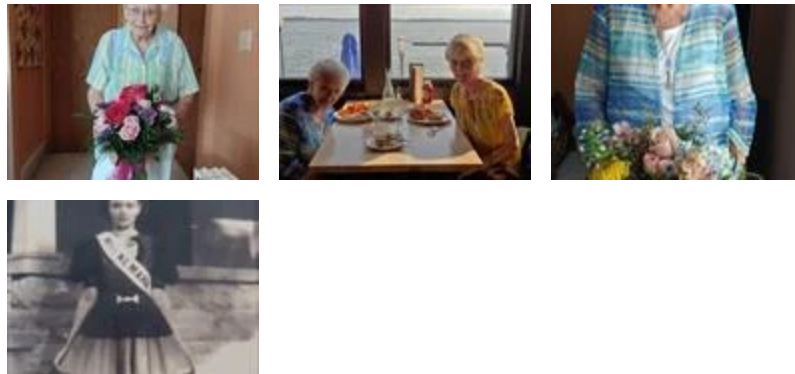
“ *Velma we will miss you! I worked with her at JCPenny ages ago and she set a great example all of us! Such a sweet person with a heart of gold! I will miss you my friend.*

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**Mindy Pyle** - November 18, 2022 at 06:17 PM

CH

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Candace Horch** - November 18, 2022 at 01:02 AM

CH

*I was able to spend several years visiting each summer for a day with sweet Velma and always looked forward to spending time with her. She was a gem! God has gained a beautiful resident in Heaven.*

**Candace Horch** - November 18, 2022 at 09:06 PM

WH

“ *With love, Candace Horch purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Velma L. Peterson.*



**With love, Candace Horch** - November 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Velma L. Peterson.*



November 17, 2022 at 04:51 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Velma L. Peterson.*



November 17, 2022 at 04:49 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Velma L. Peterson.



November 17, 2022 at 07:38 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Velma L. Peterson.



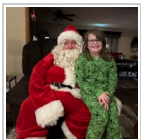
November 16, 2022 at 11:35 PM



“ Really very very nice person and she will be missed by all who knew her



Charlie “tuna” Schnirring - November 16, 2022 at 05:25 PM



“ Velma was such a sweet lady . Hugs to the family



Douglas Sutton - November 16, 2022 at 01:13 PM

CY

“ Jan, your mom was such a special person! I always loved it when I had a chance to visit with her. Our thoughts are with you and all your family.

Chris and Mark Young - November 16, 2022 at 11:39 AM

PG

“ A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF VELMA PETERSON. REMEMBER HER FROM PENNNYS' & SHE WAS IN A CARD CLUB WITH ME. TO HER FAMILY OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY. SHE HAD A LONG, GOOD LIFE. MAY SHE RIP.



JOY, PEACE & LOVE, LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE

PATTY GUNVILLE - November 16, 2022 at 11:34 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Velma L. Peterson.



November 16, 2022 at 08:58 AM

BS

“ Velma was one of the kindest people I ever had the opportunity to meet. She always greeted everyone with a smile. She will have a special place in Heaven 🙏

Brad Strader - November 16, 2022 at 06:04 AM

TC

“ *Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Velma Peterson*



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**Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh** - November 15, 2022 at 11:06 PM

CW

“ *Thinking of Velma's family! She was a great lady! Cheryl Carpenter Winterhof*

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**Cheryl Winterhof** - November 15, 2022 at 09:14 PM

JD

“ *John Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Velma Peterson*



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**John & Connie Demers** - November 15, 2022 at 08:54 PM

MJ

“ *Mike Shelly Jensen lit a candle in memory of Velma Peterson*



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**Mike & Shelly Jensen** - November 15, 2022 at 07:44 PM