



## Velma Totten

May 4, 1943 - July 17, 2021

Velma Lucille Totten, age 78, of Rembrandt, Iowa died on July 17, 2021 at her home in Rembrandt, Iowa.

Graveside Services will be Saturday, July 24, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Storm Lake Cemetery in Storm Lake, Iowa. Due to Covid-19 concerns, the family will not be gathering for a reception after the graveside ceremony. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes in Storm Lake are in charge of arrangements.

Velma L. (Rassler) Totten was born on May 4, 1943 in Varina, Iowa. The daughter of Albert and Isabelle (Boettcher) Rassler. She was baptized at the United Methodist Church in Varina, Iowa and later confirmed at the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake, Iowa. As a young adult she was blessed with a son, Rob Rassler. On August 23, 1975, she married Gordy Totten. Together they ran Totten Auction Service. As a youth she did detasseling, car hop waitress, later in life worked at the Canning Factory Vilas company, managed Lakeshore Café, worked at Melody Lanes and managed Lamplighter Lounge.

Velma was an avid gardener and enjoyed watching the birds at the feeders in her yard. Spring was her favorite time of year when everything was new and fresh. She enjoyed her road trips to Missouri to visit family. Velma especially liked baking and cooking for a crowd around the holidays with family.

She is survived by her family; son, Rob (Penny) Rassler of Roach, Missouri; granddaughter, Jessica (Austin) Underhill of St. Charles, Missouri; great-granddaughter, Ophelia Underhill of St. Charles, Missouri; stepchildren: Jay (Kristen) Totten of West Bend, Wisconsin; Jim (Heather) Totten of Albert City, Iowa; Jill (Bill) Morris of Pleasantville, Iowa; brother, Ken (Becky) Rassler of Rembrandt, Iowa; sisters: Annabelle (Ron) Chindlund of Storm Lake, Iowa; Peg Anderson of Storm Lake, Iowa; Nadine Meyer of Spirit Lake, Iowa; sister-in-law, Sally Rassler of Rembrandt, Iowa; nieces; nephews; extended family and friends.

Velma was preceded in death by her husband, Gordy Totten; parents: Albert and Isabelle Rassler; sister, Vernice Buckendahl; brothers: Ray Rassler; Edmund Rassler; brothers-in-law: Jerry Buckendahl; Kelly Meyer; nephews: Troy Chindlund; Scott Chindlund.

# Cemetery Details

## Storm Lake Cemetery

Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUL 24. 10:00 AM (CT)

Storm Lake Cemetery  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Velma Totten*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - July 26, 2021 at 11:50 AM



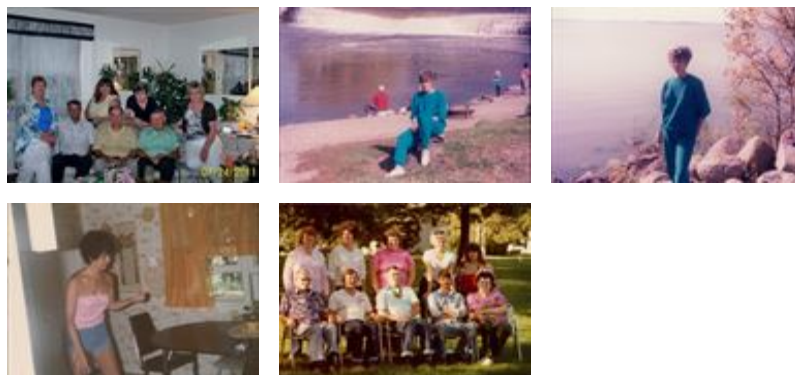
“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Jennifer Hustedt - July 27, 2021 at 12:54 PM



“ *42 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - July 26, 2021 at 11:46 AM

NH

“ *Nicki Harrington lit a candle in memory of Velma Totten*



Nicki Harrington - July 22, 2021 at 04:41 PM

JW

“ *Rest In Peace my dear friend!*



joan whitney - July 22, 2021 at 04:23 PM

DB

“ *Our Sympathy to the Families of Velma,*



Doyle Engebretson, and Sue Beving - July 21, 2021 at 06:24 PM

E"

“ *So sorry to hear. Always had a good time talking with Velma. Wish our paths had been able to meet more often. May she breath freely now that she is gone from her Earthly body.*

Erik Mosbo "Hondo" - July 21, 2021 at 11:29 AM

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“ OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS TO THE  
FAMILY OF VELMA TOTTEN. A CANDLE LIT  
IN HER MEMORY. MAY SHE RIP.

PEACE, LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE  
STORM LAKE, IOWA



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**PATTY GUNVILLE** - July 20, 2021 at 04:15 PM

PA

“ *Remembering You Velma*

*We Remember you when flowers bloom, Early in the spring  
We Remember you on sunny days, in the fun that summers would  
bring.*

*We Remember you in the fall, as we walked through the leaves of  
gold.*

*And in the wintertime, the memories we made through out our lives,  
in the stories that are told.*

*But most of all we remember you each day- right from the start, you  
will be forever near and live within our hearts.*

*Loving Memories from your Sisters*

*Annie, Peg and Dee*

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**Peg Anderson** - July 20, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Velma Totten.*



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July 20, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ *Steve, Penny & ALL The Kids purchased the Pink Rose Fireside Basket for the family of Velma Totten.*



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**Steve, Penny & ALL The Kids** - July 20, 2021 at 09:55 AM



“ *Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Velma Totten*



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**Deb and Kevin Jesse** - July 20, 2021 at 12:07 AM

TP

“ So sorry to hear of Velma’s passing. Special Sympathy to her family. I met Velma 10 years ago while serving the citizens of Rembrandt, she was a very nice lady. Always had nice things to say and like to offer her services if ever needed. She would like to watch for any criminal activity in Rembrandt and would let me know of anything. God Speed Velma.

*Police Chief Tim Porter/Sioux Rapids-Rembrandt*

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**Tim Porter** - July 19, 2021 at 11:01 PM

MH

“ Michelle Henderson lit a candle in memory of Velma Totten



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**Michelle Henderson** - July 19, 2021 at 06:55 PM

DH

“ So sorry to hear of Velma’s passing. Sympathy to her family!

*Duane & Eldona Hornor*



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**Duane & Eldona Hornor** - July 19, 2021 at 02:41 PM