



Wanda Jeppeson

November 10, 1927 - June 30, 2025

Wanda Iona Williamson Jeppeson, age 97, of Newell, Iowa died June 30, 2025 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, July 5, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Newell. Burial will be in the Newell Cemetery. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the CHURCH. Memorials may directed to the Special Olympics. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Newell is in charge of the arrangements.

Wanda Iona Williamson Jeppeson was born November 10, 1927 at home to Clay and Lora Edna Pond- (Thomas) Williamson of Battle Creek, Iowa. She was baptized and confirmed in the First Presbyterian church of Battle Creek. Wanda transferred her church membership to the Congregational Church of Newell, Iowa in March 1959.

She attended Battle Creek Consolidated School, graduating in 1945. She then had a year at Iowa State teacher's college at Cedar Falls, Iowa. After graduating with a BA from Buena Vista College in Storm Lake, Iowa with her degree in elementary education she continued her education in special education, learning disabilities and in Human Behavior Children while teaching. Many endorsements were picked up through the years. She also attended Ames, Drake, Morningside, and took courses from Marycrest,

Missouri and Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Wanda taught first grade and elementary music at Cushing, Iowa; first grade at Battle Creek, Primghar and Aurelia. Then special education at Nemaha, Early, and Schaller. Learning disabilities then multi-categorical at Early and Schaller. She also taught fifth and sixth grade spelling and sixth grade reading at Nemaha. She retired from teaching in 1994 with over thirty years.

On November 26, 1948, Wanda was united in marriage to Ellsworth Evans Jeppeson Sr. from Linn Grove, Iowa at the Dundee Presbyterian Church in Omaha, Nebraska. To this union, five children were born: Florene, Ellsworth Jr., Sylvia, Lynn, and Elwyn.

Wanda was a member of the order of Eastern Star (receiving her 50-year pin in June 1999); the order of Buena Vista Rebekah Lodge #258; First Congregational Church; on the education board and stewardship board and taught Sunday School and was a bible schoolteacher for many years. She started teaching the primary Sunday School at Battle Creek with Reverend and Mrs. Kollou at the age of 9 years. One year later, she had her own primary class. She was a leader for the Jr. Auxiliary and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post #196, past Matron of Eastern Star, a past noble guard of the Rebekah Lodge, she belonged to church fellowship, Delta Kappa Gamma, and to the Women's Federated Club, which changed to Newell Community Club. In this organization, she helped in the Babes program for third graders at school.

Wanda would like to be remembered as a very loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend. She forgot herself and did for others. Having the family all together for cookouts-fishing excursions, wiener roast (even in November) or just around the table for special holidays and birthdays.

Some of her likes were to paint, fancy work of all kinds, sewing, quilting, reading, dancing, gardening, and playing the piano and organ for her own enjoyment. She loved the Lord's outside and all nature. She made quilts for the family. All new births received a hand made quilt and as they got older, they received a large quilt.

Those surviving Wanda are Florene Cork of Schaller; Ellsworth (Teresa) Jeppeson Jr. of Newell, Iowa; Sylvia (Lynn) Krogstad of Newell, Iowa; Elwyn (Char) Jeppeson of Newell, Iowa; 12 grandchildren; many great grandchildren; great-great grandchildren; two sisters-in-law; extended family and friends.

Wanda was preceded in death by her parents, Clay and Lora Williamson; husband: Ellsworth Evans Jeppeson Sr.; son: Lynn Clayton; parents-in-law: Daniel and Margaret Jeppeson; sons-in-law: John Nelson; Richard Cork; brothers: Gordon Francis Williamson; Daniel (Mary) Williamson; sister-in-law: Catherine Williamson; granddaughter: Tasha Jeppeson; great granddaughter: Charlie Rosanne Pick.

Cemetery Details

Newell Cemetery

E. Jensen St.
Newell, IA 50568

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ
310 E. 3rd St.
Newell, IA 50588

Funeral Service

JUL 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Theresa A Tymeson lit a candle in memory of Wanda Jeppeson



Theresa A Tymeson - July 14, 2025 at 01:30 AM



“ Sally, Molly, Ava, Autumn & Tayte purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wanda Jeppeson.

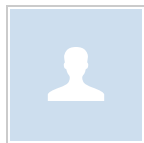


Sally, Molly, Ava, Autumn & Tayte - July 04, 2025 at 10:46 AM



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

July 03, 2025 at 01:10 PM



“ Full Heart was purchased for the family of Wanda Jeppeson.



July 03, 2025 at 01:10 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - July 03, 2025 at 11:44 AM

BW

“ Becky White lit a candle in memory of Wanda Jeppeson



Becky White - July 03, 2025 at 11:13 AM

DW

“ Darwin Will lit a candle in memory of Wanda Jeppeson



Darvin Will - July 03, 2025 at 06:52 AM

CS

“ My sympathy 2 her family and friends may she rest in peace



charlie “tuna” schnirring - July 03, 2025 at 12:46 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wanda Jeppeson.*




July 02, 2025 at 06:44 PM



“ *Sympathy and prayers to the family from the children of George and Kathryn Norris. I know our Dad really shared a passion for special education with the teachers at Nemaha.*

Georgia Vajpeyi - July 02, 2025 at 04:43 PM



“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to Wanda's family!*




Duane & Eldona Hornor - July 02, 2025 at 03:07 PM



“ *Scott Bodholdt lit a candle in memory of Wanda Jeppeson*



Scott Bodholdt - July 02, 2025 at 08:33 AM

SW

“ Suana Wessendorf lit a candle in memory of Wanda Jeppeson



Suana Wessendorf - July 01, 2025 at 07:42 PM

RW

“ Ruth Westergaard lit a candle in memory of Wanda Jeppeson



Ruth Westergaard - July 01, 2025 at 06:01 PM

DJ

“ I always enjoyed visiting with Wanda and was in awe of how she was so youthful and full of humor....and boy could she dance! Beautiful lady with a beautiful soul. Sympathies to all!



Debra Jacobson - July 01, 2025 at 02:03 PM



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

July 01, 2025 at 01:51 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Wanda Jeppeson.*



July 01, 2025 at 01:51 PM



“ *Mike & Shelly Jensen lit a candle in memory of Wanda Jeppeson*



Mike & Shelly Jensen - July 01, 2025 at 01:00 PM