



## Dorothy J Brown

July 30, 1926 - August 9, 2019

Cedar Falls – Dorothy Jean Brown, age 93, of Cedar Falls, died Friday, August 9, 2019 at Western Home Communities – Windhaven Assisted Living. She was born July 30, 1926 in Bonilla, SD, the daughter of Carl and Gladys (Rowen) Fritzsche. She graduated from Wessington High School in 1944. On February 28, 1945 she married Edward Brown in Huron, SD. He preceded her in death on November 1981. On June 21, 1988, she married Harold Brown in Wessington, SD. He preceded her in death on December 31, 2005.

She was a farm wife and mother early on and worked as a secretary and eventually business manager for the Wessington Public School District in South Dakota, retiring after 23 years in 1988.

Survived by: a daughter, Nola (Jerry) Roitsch of Bristol, SD; a step-son, Steve Brown of Cedar Falls; a step-daughter, Denise Brown of Cedar Falls; a brother, Don Fritzsche of Huron, SD; six grandchildren, Lt. Col Kip (Scott) Reitz, Christopher (Amy) Bates, Kelly (David) Gregg, Jody (Andy) Conley, Corrie (Matt) Vihstadt, Kimberly (Kevin) Usery; two step-grandchildren, Jamie (Joe) Rocha and David (Amanda) Haddock; and twelve great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by: her two husbands; a daughter, Connie Bates; a son-in-law, George Bates; a son, Lynn Brown; a step-daughter Cindy Flores; and two sisters, Alice Walker and Linda Harper.

Memorial services will be 11am Wednesday, at First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls. A gathering of friends and family will be from 4-7pm Tuesday, at Richardson Funeral Service, Cedar Falls.

Memorials may be directed to your local library.

Online condolences may be left at [www.richardsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.richardsonfuneralservice.com)

Dorothy loved to read, sew, knit and quilt, gifting quilts to each grandchild. She loved music, playing organ and piano for church, and singing in the choir. She taught piano lessons after school to many kids in Wessington and Miller, SD. She was a 50 year member of the Order of Eastern Star. Dorothy loved traveling with both her husbands. She loved writing and arranging programs for Wessington celebrations.

# Previous Events

## Gathering

AUG **13**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service  
615 Main Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-3525  
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com  
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

## Memorial Service

AUG **14**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
902 Main Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 277-3930  
<http://www.firstprescf.org/>

# Tribute Wall

RM

“ For many years on her birthday I would post on her face book page Happy Birthday you have done well to live so long. Dorothy you have now achieved enteral life congratulations. You will be missed. I hope there are crocuses in heaven .  
Robert Martens



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**Robert Martens** - August 18, 2019 at 08:36 PM

SW

“ Dorothy's Family,

*Dorothy was my matron of honor for my wedding. I took her to Indiana with me. She was a good friend. She told me more then once how she had been blessed with a wonderful life filled with family and good friends. Dorothy was a good person and it was a joy to have her for a friend. Our Condolences,*

*Susan and Tracy Walton*

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**Susan Walton** - August 17, 2019 at 05:59 PM

KS

“ *Nola and Jerry and family,*

*We have so many memories of having the Ed and Dorothy Brown family as farm neighbors. Our families were friends (and school mates) in a close neighborhood and small community.*

*We saw Dorothy several times since she left Wessington and she always had the same joyful and welcoming smile; no matter what issues she may have been facing.*

*She is thought of with much fondness. So sorry for your loss.*

*Kathy and David Siegling*

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**Kathy & David Siegling** - August 14, 2019 at 04:29 PM

BF

“ *Brother Don and Family purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Dorothy J Brown.*



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**Brother Don and Family** - August 13, 2019 at 09:42 AM

DM

“ *Dorothy and Harold were great friends of my parents. I remember many John Deere birthday parties with all their friends. My son Leonard dubbed her Brownie when he was a toddler. Wonderful lady. It was always great to see her.*

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**Diane (Meyer) Mahan** - August 12, 2019 at 08:35 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Dorothy J Brown.*



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August 11, 2019 at 10:33 PM



“ *Dorothy was an ever-smiling, often-laughing, comforting presence in my youth, and—though I moved away and missed her—also in my adulthood, as a close friend of my parents, David and Bette Lewis*

*There is such greatness in people who accomplish it not by one great or heroic act, but by a lifetime of giving and caring. Dorothy was one of those people, and I'm blessed to have known her.*

*You can bet I'm going to make a donation to my local Austin, Texas library in her name!*

*Sincerely,  
Dale Whiteaker-Lewis*

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**Dale** - August 11, 2019 at 10:28 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Dorothy J Brown.*



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August 11, 2019 at 10:25 PM



“ *Nola and Jerry: Our condolences on the passing of your Mom and mother-in-law. We enjoyed dining with you and your Mother at Brio in Gilbert a couple years ago. She was certainly engaged and feisty! No doubt you have many fond memories. God Bless,*

*Shirley and Randy*

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**Randall Zipf** - August 11, 2019 at 09:09 AM