



Eldora Sturm

January 19, 1929 - September 6, 2022

Eldora M. (Oleson) Sturm, 93, the second child of Louie and Hertha (Guldager) Oleson, was born on January 19, 1929, on the family farm four miles southwest of Cedar Falls (Ridgeway and Hearst Rd.). She passed away at The Suites at the Western Home Communities on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 8:35 p.m.

Eldora grew up on their family farm with her parents, two brothers, and one sister. She was baptized at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on March 10, 1929. As a child she attended district grade school (Greely #8). On April 18, 1943, she was confirmed at Fredsville Lutheran Church. Eldora graduated from Iowa State Teachers College High School in May 1946. She attended Iowa State Teachers College (UNI) the Fall Quarter of 1946. She then moved to Cedar Falls to live with her Great Aunt Christina Holm and began a working career.

Eldora married Donald E. Sturm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on September 4, 1949. They were blessed with four children – Craig, Daniel, Tamara, and Mark. Donald passed away on January 5, 1981. They raised their family and when the youngest was starting junior high, she went back to work as a mimeograph operator at the University of Northern Iowa, retiring in 1991.

After retirement she enjoyed golfing, dancing, shopping, walking, spending time at home, fixing holiday meals for her family and loving her children,

grandchildren and great-grandchildren with all her heart, as they did her. She will be greatly missed by all and never forgotten.

Eldora was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, two brothers Maynard and Norman, and a sister Marlys Cook.

Survivors are her children: Craig (Karol) Sturm, Daniel (Debra) Sturm, Tamara (Reed) Hunemuller, and Mark (Karen) Sturm; grandchildren: Heather (Jeffrey) Meyer, Thad (Erin) Sturm; Nicole Porter (Chuck Parker), Troy (Jenna) Porter, Danielle (Robert) Lindgren; Krista (Adam) Jarvela, Adam (Jennifer) Hunemuller, Katie (John) Peacock, Kylee (Matt) Slane; Lydia (Michael) Ackerson, Drew Sturm, and Talia Sturm; great-grandchildren: Avery and Josie Meyer, Corbin and Jameson Sturm; Everett Lindgren; Lena and Neil Jarvela, Brody, Kinley and Declan Hunemuller, Nolan, Reagan, and Harper Peacock, Savannah and George Slane; Caeden and Baby Girl Ackerson due in November.

Private family services will be at Richardson Funeral Service with inurnment at Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be directed to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or Cedar Valley Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens

Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 233-6136

Tribute Wall

AJ

“ Dear family, I am sorry to read about your mother’s passing. I have been connected in various ways through the years from knowing her at TCHS to teaching her son & son-in-law, (Dan & Reed), being a neighbor of Karol, plus my sister, Mary Grace was a friend of hers. Her husband, Cliff Faye, and your dad were friends, I believe. They would get together when Cliff & Mary Grace would come back from CA to visit. It has been many years since I had seen her, but I have fond memories from those earlier years. I know there will be an empty spot in your lives. May God give you His peace during the coming days.

Alice Bunnell Janssen - September 12, 2022 at 04:14 PM

JP

“ Sturm Family,
So sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother. She was a great lady, who always cared about her family and every neighborhood kid who hung out near her. My heart goes out to everyone in your families during this time.

Jeff Patterson

Jeffory Patterson - September 12, 2022 at 08:40 AM

DH

“ Tammy, Dan, Craig and Mark - We are so sorry to hear about Eldora's passing. She was incredibly influential in the lives of so many. To Stacie and I, she was our grandmother. She taught us so many things about how to treat people and take care of ourselves. We were better people in life because we knew her. Her kindness and caring knew no bounds. I'm grateful to have known and spent so much time with her when I was young.

Derek Hileman - September 11, 2022 at 09:36 PM

DC

“ Craig, Dan, Tammy & Mark - We were so sorry to hear about the passing of Aunt Eldora. Hold tight to those memories that put a smile on your face. You and your families have all been in our thoughts and prayers.

Dave and Cheryl Cook

Dave Cook - September 11, 2022 at 11:06 AM

JA

“ Craig, Dan, Tammy, and Mark,
I'm so sorry to read of your mom's passing. Your parents were very dear friends to my mom and dad, and I remember your mother as such a pleasant, gentle person. Please cherish your many years of good memories.

Joel Alter, St. Paul MN

Joel Alter - September 11, 2022 at 09:31 AM

VB

“ So sorry for your loss Craig, Dan, Mark and Tammy, your spouses and children. Eldora was an amazing woman and I have so many childhood memories of growing up in our neighborhood. Riding to church in your Dad's Model - T, games in your huge back yard, Tammy's play house. Eldora and Mom were such great friends over the years, every Saturday morning was thier's for coffee and visiting. She was always there for all of us, my Mom most of all. I like to imagine they are sharing a cup right now and one of her melt in your mouth cookies. She will forever be a part of such a magical time in our lives.



Vicki Blaser Bailey

Vicki Bailey - September 10, 2022 at 05:51 PM

VC

“ I want to convey my sincerest sympathy for your loss. Eldora was like a grandmother to Derek and Stacie. We felt like part of your family crowded around the dinner table many times enjoying her roast beef dinners. Christmas was a special time for us to be included with your family. She was like a mother to me and I enjoyed spending time with her and the positive outlook on life she conveyed. I will be forever grateful to have known Eldora. The love and devotion that she and Don nurtured in their four children will continue to thrive in many generations to come. She leaves a great legacy. Vicki Coleman, Universal City, TX

Vicki Coleman - September 10, 2022 at 12:03 PM

JM

“ To Dan and the entire Sturm family - my deepest sympathy of the loss of your mother. She was a very sweet woman. May God bless you in your time of sorrow.

Sincerely,
Joanie McDermott-Hoffey
114 Hawthorne Ave.
Waterloo, IA. 50702

Joanie McDermott-Hoffey - September 09, 2022 at 03:16 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eldora Sturm.



September 09, 2022 at 10:42 AM

CB

“ Craig and family----Sincere condolence on losing your mother. She reached a great age! Charlotte Bergman

Charlotte Bergman - September 08, 2022 at 08:19 PM


Clayton
Oleson

“ I remember going to Aunt Eldora's as a kid for family picnics. Fun times. She will be missed as a mother and aunt. She is at peace.

Clayton Oleson - September 08, 2022 at 07:20 PM

SS

“ You have our sympathy with the loss of your mother. I am Sharon Speirs. My mother, Marjorie Billmeyer Degner (passed away March, 2021) was a first cousin to your father Donnie. I remember when I was a little girl we went to your family home for dinner. Your mom was a very gracious hostess. Great Aunt Marian was there. Mom stayed at her home when she attended Teachers College in Cedar Falls. Mom always talked about Donnie and Eldora as I was growing up. Such good memories.

My sympathies to your family,

Sharon (Degner) Speirs

207 6th St

Traer, Ia 50675

Sharon Speirs - September 08, 2022 at 11:57 AM