



Elsie May Gehrke

May 6, 1920 - March 17, 2016

Elsie May Gehrke (1920-2016)

CEDAR FALLS – Elsie May Gehrke, 95, of Cedar Falls, died Thursday, March 17, 2016 at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo.

She was born May 6, 1920, in Hudson, Iowa, daughter of Sophus and Marie Christensen Hermansen. She married Bernard Gehrke on May 18, 1941 in Fredsville, Iowa. He died July 11, 2008

She graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1937 and worked at a dress shop in Vinton in addition to being a homemaker and farmwife. She was a member of Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls.

Survived by: a son, Jerry (Carol Schwennesen) Gehrke of Vashon, WA; a daughter, Joann (Bruce) Wingert of Cedar Falls; ten grandchildren: Janie (Perry) Unruh, Jenifer Henke, Jeff (Julissa) Gehrke, Todd (Angela) Gehrke, Sarah (Leloncé) Mims, Malinda (Alex) Gehrke, April (Chris) Parkhurst, Brian (Samantha) Wingert, Jessica (Andrew) Schoof, and Brooke Gehrke; twelve great grandchildren: Ryan, Ethan and Callie Parkhurst, Elin Wingert, Patrick and Taylor Gehrke, Hannah and Ryan Gehrke, Jennah and David Price, Veronica Sablin, Christopher Mims, and two more on the way; and a sister, Gladys Jungling of Holland, MI.

Preceded in death by: a son, David Gehrke; a grandson, Michael Gehrke; two sisters, Mildred Arends, Helen Jensen; and a brother, Stanley Hermansen.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Chapel at Nazareth Lutheran Church. Burial in Fredsville Lutheran Cemetery, rural Cedar Falls. Visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Richardson Funeral Service, Cedar Falls.

Memorials may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice or Cedar Falls Community Center IA for senior programing. Condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.

Cemetery Details

Fredsville Lutheran Church Cemetery

Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 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>

Funeral Service

MAR 23. 10:30 AM (CT)

Nazareth Lutheran Church - Chapel
7401 University Avenue
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Tribute Wall

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“ To the family of Elsie Gehrke--- although I did not know Elsie well, I feel like I DID! I heard my Mom, Rosie Christensen, speak of her often... always with love and caring. Mom spoke of wonderful times spent with Elsie, Mildred Lechner and Mildred Ahrends!

So... with that said... I KNOW she was a very special lady. I know she will be missed by many. Our thoughts are with you in this sad time.

Most Sincerely,
Sue and Jack Fellenzer
Bella Vista, Arkansas

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“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Elsie May Gehrke.



March 22, 2016 at 10:05 AM