



Florana Fitz

October 22, 1928 - June 5, 2025

Florana Elise Fitz, 96, formerly of Waterloo, died on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community in Waverly.

She was born on October 22, 1928, in Clinton, Iowa, the daughter of Walter and Florence (Schnack) Lammers. She married David Kinkaid in June 1948 in DeWitt, later divorcing. On June 12, 1963, she was united in marriage to Eugene Ketelsen in DeWitt. He preceded her in death on July 11, 1995. She then married Henry Fitz in 1998 in Waterloo. He preceded her in death on November 5, 2005.

Flo maintained an active lifestyle full of positivity and kindness to all. She enjoyed time with her family and travelling with her sisters. Her favorite vacation spot was Estes Park, CO. Her grandkids often joked that every trip was the very long scenic route. She also enjoyed gardening, flowers and bird watching. She formed many close relationships with the staff and residents at Bartels Lutheran Home. She will be dearly missed by all.

Florana is survived by her children, Pamela (Lonnie) Hartema of New Hartford and Russell (Mary) Kinkaid of Shell Rock; grandchildren, Kim Sheehan, Rob (Angie) Kinkaid, Kory (Brian) McElfresh, Kristal (David) Graves, and Katie (Brandon) Willey; fifteen great-grandchildren; sisters, Lucille Lundquist of Greeley, CO, and Charlene Ryan of DeWitt.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Eugene Ketelsen and Henry Fitz; sister, Lorraine Mohr; and great-grandson, Brady Sheehan.

Memorial services will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, June 9, 2025, at Good Shepherd Chapel at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community in Waverly with a visitation one hour prior. Interment at Elmwood Cemetery in DeWitt at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to Bartels or Cedar Valley Hospice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Good Shepherd Chapel - Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community
1922 5th Ave NW
Waverly, IA 50677

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ To Flo's family., I am sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed talking with her when she was a member at Faith in Waterloo. She was a kind person. Prayers for all of you.

Peggy Carlson - June 08, 2025 at 05:03 PM