



## Bonnie Mae Pelzer

May 5, 1933 - January 17, 2022

Bonnie Pelzer passed away January 17, 2022, at the age of 88. Bonnie was the fifth child of the late Frank and Ella Krueger. She was born May 5, 1933, in a farmhouse near Walnut, Iowa.

She attended a one room country school for her first eight years, graduating from Atlantic High School in 1953. She enrolled in the Omaha School of Business and upon graduating she worked in Omaha, Nebraska for Brandies. In 1950, Bonnie and Max Pelzer met at the roller-skating rink and started to date. The Korean War came along, and they decided to wait to marry until Max got out of the Navy. She continued to work in Omaha and wrote Max at least twice a week for four years. Bonnie and Max were married July 10, 1955. They moved to Iowa City, Iowa in September 1955, so Max could attend the University of Iowa Law School. While in Iowa City, she worked at the University of Iowa Hospital as a CNA and Fuller Brush Company. After the birth of their first child Mark, she ran a day care center in her home. During this time Sherry was born. In the fall of 1960, the family moved to Estherville, Iowa where Scott was born and followed by the birth of their son, Todd. Besides taking care of four children and all of the household duties she was an active member of the United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Bazaar, funeral dinners, and taught Sunday School. Bonnie was a Cub Scout leader, member of the County Line Club and P.E.O in Estherville. Bonnie believed that a good education was important and attended the children's school activities and sporting events. Bonnie and Max took many family trips

and visited six continents and 54 different countries.

Bonnie fought Parkinson's disease for over 20 years. During this time, she never complained even though she knew that there is no cure.

Bonnie is survived by her husband of 66 years, Max of Spirit Lake, Iowa; son Mark Pelzer [Noriko] of Marshfield, Wisconsin; Sherry Fuhrman [Tom] of Spirit Lake; Scott Pelzer [Karen] of Denver, Colorado; Todd [Kristine] of Wake Forest, North Carolina; eight grandchildren, Julie, Christopher, Megan, Christie, Mindy, Zachary, Evelyn and Ella; four great-grandchildren; sister, Ruth Pelzer of Ruthven, Iowa; and sister-in-law Kay Krueger of Holstein, Iowa. Bonnie is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Alvin, Melvin, Robert and Frankie, and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

A public memorial service for Bonnie Pelzer of Spirit Lake formally of Estherville, will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 25 at the Estherville United Methodist Church, 102 South Eighth Street. Lunch will follow.

Max and his family would like to give a heartfelt thank you and gratitude to all of those that provided wonderful care and compassion to Bonnie.

# Cemetery Details

## East Side Cemetery

Estherville, IA 51334

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Estherville United Methodist Church  
102 S. 8th Street  
Estherville, IA 51334

# Tribute Wall

Jim  
Roberts

“ *Jim Roberts lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Mae Pelzer*



---

**Jim Roberts** - June 23, 2022 at 09:37 AM

MK

“ *I finally got around to reading my local paper and was greatly saddened when I saw this news. Bonnie was such a pleasant person to be around in every way that I can ever remember so will surely be missed by many. I'm glad to have had the pleasure of knowing both her and the entire family throughout the years. Stay strong and I hope to cross paths with some of you sometime soon.*

---

**Mike Kruse** - January 22, 2022 at 08:57 PM

KL

“ *So very sorry for your loss, your Mother was one of the sweetest persons. I loved baby-sitting for Mark and Sherry when they were little. Later in our history, Todd and my Todd were great friends and spent a lot of time together in their younger years.*

---

**Kathy Murray LeStrange** - January 19, 2022 at 06:37 PM

MJ

“ *Max and family, holding you all up in prayer in your loss of such a beautiful lady. .*



---

**Michelle Janasko** - January 19, 2022 at 11:03 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bonnie Mae Pelzer.*



---

January 18, 2022 at 10:22 PM