



## Edwina Gardner

May 20, 1945 - April 10, 2026

Edwina Gardner, 80, of Spirit Lake passed away on Friday, April 10, 2026, at Accura Healthcare of Spirit Lake.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 AM on Monday, April 13, 2026, at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held from 3-5 PM on Sunday at the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Burial will be held in the Lake View Cemetery in Spirit Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at [www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com](http://www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com)

Edwina was born on May 20, 1945, to Edwin and Josephine (Heller) Thompson in San Fransico, CA. She was united in marriage to Derald Leroy Gardner on September 16, 1962, at the United Methodist Church in Montgomery, IA. Derald preceded her in death on November 8, 2019, in Spirit Lake. She worked for many years at Berkley Fishing Company and also cleaned house when she had time. She retired in 2005.

She is a member of the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake. In her free time, she enjoyed tending to her flowers, decorating for the holidays, making homemade bread, cinnamon rolls and canning. She spent many hours volunteering at the church, providing meals for the church youth group, deep cleaning the kitchen and weeding all around the building. She loved to spend

time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. If you couldn't find her at home keeping busy, then most likely she was at the Marble Beach Campground where her and Derald were campground hosts for 9 years.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Robin Gardner of Spirit Lake, IA; Jodi (Danny) Frerichs of Estherville, IA; Wade Gardner of Spirit Lake, IA; and Candy (Trevor) Hendershot of Lake Park, IA; grandchildren Jamie Williams, Ashley Jansen, Nicole Southworth, Derek Halquist, Wyatt Gardner, and Charlie Gardner; 17 great grandchildren; sister Geraldine Crawmer of Spirit Lake, IA; her brother Arthur (Jill) Thompson of Spirit Lake, IA and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sisters Annabele and Renae, her brother Melivin Thompson, nephew Arnie Tolan and her niece Gracie Burlage.

Memorials made be directed to the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church Youth Group.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **12.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Robinson Funeral Home  
2317 32nd St.  
P.O. Box 272  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360  
(712) 336-8471  
robinson@spiritlekefuneralhome.com  
<https://www.spiritlekefuneralhome.com/>

## Service

APR **13.** 10:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church  
1812 Gary Ave  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

# Tribute Wall

TV

“ Terry & Stephanie Veldman lit a candle in memory of Edwina Gardner



Terry & Stephanie Veldman - April 21 at 11:21 PM

JH

“ Johnny Huntsinger lit a candle in memory of Edwina Gardner



Johnny Huntsinger - April 16 at 08:24 PM

MH

“ Monica Hoss lit a candle in memory of Edwina Gardner



Monica Hoss - April 13 at 02:58 PM

RT

“ Ray And Diane Tucker lit a candle in memory of Edwina Gardner



Ray and Diane Tucker - April 13 at 02:08 PM

PA

“ *Peggy Adams lit a candle in memory of Edwina Gardner*



Peggy adams - April 13 at 12:49 PM



“ *Robin and family, I was saddened to hear about Edwina's passing. My heart goes out to all of you. Big hugs and many prayers.*

Charly Godfredsen - April 13 at 10:27 AM

AK

“ *Very sad to hear about your mom. I have fun memories at the table.*

Arlene Krogman - April 13 at 09:14 AM



“ *Jackie Jo Albers lit a candle in memory of Edwina Gardner*



Jackie Jo Albers - April 11 at 07:43 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Edwina Gardner.*



April 11 at 02:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edwina Gardner.

April 11 at 02:37 PM



“ Judy Peddycoart lit a candle in memory of Edwina Gardner



Judy Peddycoart - April 11 at 01:53 PM



“ Kathryn, George and Holly purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Edwina Gardner.



Kathryn, George and Holly - April 11 at 01:51 PM



“ Kathryn, George and Holly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edwina Gardner.

Kathryn, George and Holly - April 11 at 01:51 PM

JP

“ Eddie was one of the good ones. She loved her family dearly and was a true example of Grit and Grace. It was a pleasure to work with her. Sending our deepest condolences to the entire family that she loved so much. Chad and Jodi Pottorff



Jodi Pottorff - April 11 at 12:41 PM

CP

“ My sympathy to the Gardner family. Your mother loved you dearly! She was a hardworking and caring soul. May she be at peace.



Cyndy Powers - April 11 at 09:33 AM

FJ

“ Fran Jungjohan lit a candle in memory of Edwina Gardner



Fran Jungjohan - April 11 at 09:03 AM

KP

“ Kathy Perkins lit a candle in memory of Edwina Gardner



Kathy Perkins - April 11 at 08:14 AM

KP

*Eddie was such a great person to work with, my sympathies to the family 🙏*

**Kathy Perkins** - April 11 at 08:17 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edwina Gardner.*



April 11 at 07:20 AM

EB

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Gardner family. We always talked about their wedding, whenever we ran into each other.*



**Evalyine (Evy Hilliard) Billings** - April 10 at 11:45 PM

TF

“ *The Southworth and Halquist Families purchased the Angel's Embrace Bouquet for the family of Edwina Gardner.*



**The Southworth and Halquist Families** - April 10 at 08:25 PM

TF

“ *The Southworth and Halquist Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edwina Gardner.*

**The Southworth and Halquist Families** - April 10 at 08:25 PM



“ *Sheryl McKeivitt lit a candle in memory of Edwina Gardner*



**Sheryl McKeivitt** - April 10 at 08:16 PM

DB

“ *I'm sorry for your loss. My sympathy to your family.*

*Dayle Broocks*



**Dayle Broocks** - April 10 at 08:01 PM

RI

“ *Sympathy and prayers for Edwina's family. Remembering working with her at Berkley/PureFishing. She was a very good co-worker and had some good laugh's together.*



**Ruth Ihnen** - April 10 at 07:59 PM

B&

“ *She was such a wonderfully talented and sweet woman. We remember all the sewing she did to make item carriers for walkers. We will miss seeing her on our visit to the care center*



Bill & Jackie - April 10 at 06:42 PM



“ *Julie Louderback lit a candle in memory of Edwina Gardner*



Julie Louderback - April 10 at 05:37 PM

JW

“ *My grandma the strongest women I've ever known.*



Jamie Williams - April 10 at 04:08 PM

AT

*Our Deepest Sympathy to all the Family. She was a sweet lady. Loved visiting with her.*  
*Al and Connie Tolan*

Al/Connie Tolan - April 10 at 08:06 PM

JC

“ *Jeff & Linda Christoffer lit a candle in memory of Edwina Gardner*



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**Jeff & Linda Christoffer** - April 10 at 03:21 PM