



Eireen Notestine

March 13, 1926 - December 14, 2016

Funeral services for 90 year old Eireen Notestine of Okoboji will be 10:30 AM on Saturday at Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be 9:30 am until service time on Saturday at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake.

Eireen Knudsen was born March 13, 1926, in Dannebrog, Nebraska, to Otto and Dagny (Nissen) Knudsen. She was baptized at birth by her father Otto and was later confirmed in the Lutheran faith. She was raised in the Lutheran Church and was actively involved in the church for many years, singing in the choir.

Eireen Moved with her family to Denver, Colorado, Boone, Iowa , and finally to Eagle Grove, Iowa. She graduated from Eagle Grove High School in 1943. After high school she continued her education at Immanuel Hospital School of Nursing in Omaha, Nebraska, where she fell in love with nursing. While she was a student at Immanuel, she enlisted in the Cadet Corps, anticipating she might serve in the Army after graduation. However, by the time she graduated in 1947, the war had ended and it was not necessary for her to serve. While in high school, Eireen met and dated Dick Notestine and after graduation from Immanuel, she and Dick married. They lived in Eagle Grove for several years before moving to Okoboji, Iowa, on January 1st, 1970. Eireen was hesitant to move away from Eagle Grove, but soon grew to love living at the lake.

Eireen and Dick are the parents of son Thomas (Molly) Notestine of Kansas City and daughter Patricia Notestine (deceased). They are the grandparents of Aaron (Ashley) Notestine, Amanda Notestine Chisholm, Andrea Notestine, Andrew (Christy) Notestine and Jaden Notestine. They have 8 great grandchildren.

Eireen was a well-loved school nurse for many years, first in Eagle Grove and then in Spencer, Iowa. She was instrumental in starting a health education program for elementary students in 1975 that utilized new, detailed teaching methods to demonstrate to students the impact on the body of such things as smoking or drinking. Eireen wanted to share her love of nursing with students and encourage students to consider nursing as a career. To do that, she started the first Future Nurses Club at the high school in Eagle Grove. Over the years the Club evolved into the Health Careers Club. She influenced many students to pursue careers in the medical field. Even after retiring, Eireen continued to help out as school nurse in Spencer and in Spirit Lake. She kept her nursing license until she was 85 years old! Eireen was initiated into the PEO Sisterhood in Chapter EJ Eagle Grove and was a member of Chapters in Spencer and Spirit Lake. Eireen enjoyed volunteering at the Pearson Lakes Art Museum in recent years.

Eireen had many good friends and always enjoyed hosting parties, playing bridge, playing golf and, in later years, playing mah jong. She was a voracious reader often finishing several books in a week's time. Eireen was a kind and generous friend. She had a wonderful sense of humor and truly loved life. One highlight of her life was a trip to Denmark she had with her daughter Patricia. She was very proud of her Danish heritage and flew the Danish flag with the American flag outside the house. She was also proud of her family and cherished any time spent with her family. The entire family knew that when it was time to say "good bye," there would be tears. Even if it was only going to

be for a few days. Eireen never wanted that family time to end.

As Eireen's health failed over the last several months, she was lovingly cared for by her husband of 69 years, Dick. In October, she moved to Hawkeye Care Center in Spirit Lake and passed away on December 14th at the age of 90 with Dick at her side. Eireen was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter Patricia, and sister-in-law Mary Claire Knudsen. She is survived and lovingly remembered by her husband, Dick, son and daughter-in-law Tom and Molly Notestine, grandchildren, Aaron, Amanda, Andrea, Ashley, Andrew, and Jaden and 8 great grandchildren. She is also survived by brothers Donald Knudsen, Rodney (Bev) Knudsen, Jerry Knudsen, and Roger (Nancy) Knudsen and sister Kaaren (Michael) Nelson, many nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eireen Notestine*



Robinson Funeral Home - December 16, 2016 at 05:10 PM

BD

Our sympathy to the Notestine family. My parents were good friends of Eireen. My mom Miriam (Comstock) Thompson was a "Boover". So they shared many experiences growing up and Miriam & Toby had wonderful times together with Eireen & Dick throughout the years, gathering every summer with the Boovers. Eireen was one of my role models, as I became a Registered Nurse. In fact, I replaced her as school nurse for the Eagle Grove Schools and was there for 31 years. I last saw her for the Eagle Grove- Chapter EJ 100th Celebration in June 2013 with Pat. I will treasure many memories!

Barb Dooley - December 18, 2016 at 08:55 PM

MM

“ *We just learned that Eireen passed away recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Dick. She was always a special lady in the connection I had with her at Brooks and Emerald Hills. Sincere Sympaty to all of you, Margaret and Fred McKim*



Margaret McKim - December 24, 2016 at 12:11 PM

AM

“ Alan & Reba Munson lit a candle in memory of Eireen Notestine



Alan & Reba Munson - December 22, 2016 at 07:59 AM

TP

“ She was my one of my best friends in high school. I have always thought of her fondly through the years. I love you Eileen. Rest In Peace. Thank you for your Motherly friendship.

Tami Flaws Pruismann - December 21, 2016 at 03:55 PM

J1

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family and at this difficult time. I am proud to say Mrs. Notestine was very instrumental in my career choice. i was one of those Future Nurses of America Club member at EGHS in 1972 and 1973. what a wonderful mentor she was . I am sure she never knew how many lives she touched. What an inspiration and role model. May it bring you comfort.

Jodi Hammond Roberts EGHS 1973 - December 19, 2016 at 09:47 PM

JK

“ I remember her mostly as our school nurse. She always looked so pretty in her white uniform. She was always so kind and caring. Thoughts and prayers to her family.

Jane Gangstead Knabe - December 19, 2016 at 03:13 PM

MP

“ *My sympathy to your family at this difficult time. Heaven will certainly be sweeter now because of her kindness and concern for others. From a 1963 graduate of E
EGHS*

Mary Yon Paulsen - December 19, 2016 at 09:49 AM

JW

“ *My deepest sympathy to your family, she was a wonderful lady, a great nurse and a friend of my moms. Many great memories with her 🙏❤️*

Jackie Willard - December 18, 2016 at 07:52 PM

PB

“ *Nurse Notestine, what a comforting fixture in the halls of EGHS for so many years. She was always so nice and had a special sense to detect if you were playing hooky or really sick when she called after you didn't show up at school! So many pleasant memories of your wife and mother, Dick and Tom.
Paul Baumann, EGHS class of 1970.*

Paul Baumann - December 18, 2016 at 05:38 PM



“ *Dick and family, so sorry for your loss. We so enjoyed being in choir together, Eireen was a special and fun person, with a beautiful voice.
Shar & Russ Eckard*



Sharlene Eckard - December 18, 2016 at 03:50 PM

LF

“ I love this picture of Eileen. This is how I remember her when she was a nurse in Eagle Grove. I had so much respect for her as a person and as a nurse. Everyone is so fortunate to have been able to share 90 years with her. It is always hard to lose loved ones especially at Christmas. May you enjoy the holidays by celebrating her memory.

Linda Poutre Fairchild - December 18, 2016 at 02:38 PM

LR

“ I remember Mrs. Notestine from Lincoln Elementary where I attended until we moved away in the middle of 4th grade back in the early 60's. I was in Mrs. Oliver's (Evelyn Wergland) class. I don't have many memories, but I did recognize her as soon as I saw this picture. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.



Lyne (Caquelin) Register - December 18, 2016 at 02:19 PM

SR

What a caring soul. I will always remember Mrs. Notestine and think fondly of her. God's speed.

Scott Ryan - December 19, 2016 at 03:52 PM

DA

“ DEANNE ANDERSON lit a candle in memory of Eireen Notestine



DEANNE ANDERSON - December 18, 2016 at 01:42 AM

LS

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. She was the school nurse in Eagle Grove when I attended.

Linda & Ron Spangler - December 17, 2016 at 03:31 PM

ES

“ Dear Dick and family, Distance,health and bad weather keep us from you today. We send our deepest condolences as you say goodbye to your dear, Eireen. She was a lovely woman who will be missed by many. Our heartfelt prayers are sent to you and for her. May she rest in peace. Warmest regards, Art and Eileen Silva

Eileen Silva - December 17, 2016 at 12:17 PM

SO

Eireen was a wonderful person. I remember her at the Thor school, we all loved to "go to the nurses' office". She always made us feel like she cared for each of us! Our condolences to her family!
Gary & Sheryl Olsen

sheryl & gary olsen - December 18, 2016 at 03:41 PM

PF

“ Pflueger Family lit a candle in memory of Eireen Notestine



Pflueger family - December 16, 2016 at 10:40 PM

JM

“ Jim Gardner Kelly Hoiem Konnie Mortensen purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Eireen Notestine.



Jim Gardner Kelly Hoiem Konnie Mortensen - December 16, 2016 at 06:32 PM

AF

“ I enjoyed every minute of the time I got to spend with Eireen when she volunteered at the PLAC. She was a fantastic person!



Alesia Ferguson - December 16, 2016 at 04:15 PM

JL

“ Julie Lande lit a candle in memory of Eireen Notestine



Julie Lande - December 16, 2016 at 02:24 PM

KE

“ Kathy And Bob Eilers lit a candle in memory of Eireen Notestine



Kathy and Bob Eilers - December 16, 2016 at 10:09 AM

EG

“ *Eireen was a very classy lady. I knew her in her days as a substitute nurse at Spirit Lake Schools and also as a member of Grace Lutheran Church. She was witty, willing to help others and a very compassionate person. Heaven definitely gained a special angel in Eireen.*

Elaine Greer - December 16, 2016 at 09:39 AM

CP

“ *I have so many wonderful memories of Eireen. When I became a school nurse she was there to support me in any way she could. She was a great neighbor to the Powers and one of Lois's weekly Mah-Jongg partners. She was an avid reader and could always tell you a book you should read. She will be missed by her school nurse friends.*

Cyndy Powers - December 15, 2016 at 10:12 PM

JW

“ *Jerry & Kathy Welter lit a candle in memory of Eireen Notestine*



Jerry & Kathy Welter - December 15, 2016 at 09:16 PM

ST

Sending our deepest sympathy to the family of our former school nurse Eirene here in Eagle Grove~~~May the memories of your life spent with her bring your hurting hearts comfort and healing. George & Sandra Thomason

Sandra Thomason - December 18, 2016 at 04:57 PM

RN

“ Rhonda And David Nelson lit a candle in memory of Eireen Notestine



Rhonda and David Nelson - December 15, 2016 at 08:51 PM

CP

“ Carmen Parsons lit a candle in memory of Eireen Notestine



Carmen Parsons - December 15, 2016 at 07:27 PM

JB

“ Jeff And Linda Butcher-Christoffer lit a candle in memory of Eireen Notestine



Jeff and Linda Butcher-Christoffer - December 15, 2016 at 07:24 PM

TP

“ Teresa & Gary Place lit a candle in memory of Eireen Notestine



Teresa & Gary Place - December 15, 2016 at 06:34 PM

MC

“ *Eireen was such a special person! We will miss her!*
Jim and Mary (Hanson) Christianson



Mary Christianson - December 15, 2016 at 04:51 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eireen Notestine.*



December 15, 2016 at 03:03 PM

MJ

“ *Mary Ann And Larry Jansen lit a candle in memory of Eireen Notestine*



Mary Ann and Larry Jansen - December 15, 2016 at 01:56 PM



“ *Denise Gilmore lit a candle in memory of Eireen Notestine*



Denise Gilmore - December 15, 2016 at 12:36 PM