



## Eleanor Daniel

January 29, 1924 - January 22, 2016

Eleanor Daniel, age 91, of Spirit Lake, passed away on January 22, 2016, in Gadsden, Alabama. She was born on January 29, 1924, in Spirit Lake, to Herman and Margaret (Moses) Graesing.

Eleanor graduated from Spirit Lake High School in 1942. She was working in a small café when the news broke about Pearl Harbor. Being from a small town, she wanted to help in the war effort, moving to California and went to work for Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Company.

Eleanor met her husband, Burney Daniel in November of 1943 and was united in marriage in February of 1944. Burney also worked for the Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Company, before being called and deferred three times. Finally he decided it was time for him to serve his country. While Burney was deployed, Eleanor worked laundry at Camp Sibert in Alabama and the B-29 factory in Georgia. When the war ended, Eleanor moved to Alabama and then to Spirit Lake, until Burney was honorably discharged.

Eleanor worked for Dr. Clayton as a nurse for 33 years in Spirit Lake. She was active helping with the Boy Scouts, knitting, gardening and the Ladies Auxiliary. Eleanor was known as the "Queen of Pop Tabs" for the amount of pop tabs she collected for the Ronald McDonald House. She was also a part of the Rosie the Riveter/ WWII Home Front National Historic Park that was established to tell the stories of America's home front during World War II and its impact on American Culture.

Eleanor is survived by her two sons, Darrell Daniel, and his wife, Debbie of

Gadsden, Alabama, and Darwin Daniel, and his wife, Pat of Spirit Lake; sister, Ruth Cook of Spirit Lake; five grandchildren, Kristi (Joe) Boken, Kari Karnes, Billie Karnes, Mitchell Roberts and Jennifer (Avery) Gibbs; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 56 ½ years, Burney; and two brothers, Harold and Howard.

A memorial visitation will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2016, from 4:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Ronald McDonald House in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

BK

“ *Eleanor Daniel*

Barbara Jean (McClain) Keenan - April 08, 2016 at 02:45 PM

AS

“ *Eleanor certainly was the "Pop Tab QUEEN". I admired her desire to collect tabs from all over. When I was teaching school, she drove to Royal, IA to pick up the tabs. She was so pleasant and I enjoyed visiting with her on those trips. Such a huge heart!!! Awesome trait!!!*

Audrey Schmidt - February 24, 2016 at 05:18 PM

CS

“ *Eleanor Daniel*

Chad Schuchert - February 22, 2016 at 03:22 PM

DP

“ *Eleanor was a friend and neighbor for 41 years, and a friend for another 5 in Spirit Lake after we moved. We still talked to her often and missed her a lot after we moved to Arizona. It would be hard to find anyone who gave more of herself, or was better at turning the other cheek. She was the real McCoy.*

Dave Parkinson - February 17, 2016 at 11:17 PM

PP

“ *Co-worker, next door neighbor, best friend  
Cake decorator, Pop Tab Queen, teacher of many things. Always took time to help when needed. One of a kind. My memory box is full. You are missed already, Eleanor.  
Love you, Phyl*

Phyllis Parkinson - February 17, 2016 at 11:07 PM

KC

“ Eleanor was much more than a neighbor or family friend...she IS family. I had the privilege of growing up with her care and influence....accompanying her on many trips to deliver medical supplies that would be sent on to clinics in Mexico; doing work around her house when I was too young to have a real job, but old enough to learn how to work; weeding her giant garden; and even helping her deliver pop tabs. She quietly taught me by example - that there is much joy to be gained in serving others. I have been blessed to have her in my life. She is greatly missed, but always in our hearts. Kim (Parkinson) Cain, Mike Cain, Chelsea Cain (who for many years thought Eleanor was one of her grandmas), and Ross Cain (who went fishing with Eleanor and my mom every time he came to Spirit Lake in the summer... and by the way, it was not my mom who taught him to fish ;-)

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**Kim Cain** - February 16, 2016 at 08:08 PM

JS

“ God has got himself one of the hardest working individuals I have ever had the pleasure to meet. I learned many things from Eleanor. Wish my children could have a person like her to influence them as she did for me.

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**Jesse Van Der Sluis** - February 01, 2016 at 05:00 AM

BW

“ I will always remember Eleanor.. Of course I met her at Dr. Clayton's office. She was a very nice lady. My condolences to her family.

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**Bev Wittler** - January 29, 2016 at 11:19 PM

PP

“ *Eleanor Daniel*

Phyllis and Dave Parkinson - January 28, 2016 at 11:35 PM

CP

“ *I collected many pop tabs for Eleanor - how fitting that she be remembered as the "Queen". She will create a void in your lives, but be reminded of her caring spirit and carry it forward.*

Cyndy Powers - January 27, 2016 at 08:56 PM

DL

“ *Eleanor was dr. Claytons nurse when I was born in 1949. I wet on her when I was born. She kidded me many times about that over the years. She will be greatly missed!! Rest in peace Eleanor!!*

Dan Lempiainen - January 27, 2016 at 12:09 PM

AM

“ *Our sympathy for your loss. The community lost a bright light. Many will greatly miss her. My family has many good memories of Eleanor. May God wrap you and your families in his love.*

Alan & Reba Munson - January 26, 2016 at 09:34 AM

GZ

“ *Eleanor Daniel*

Gary and Sarah Zeman - January 26, 2016 at 06:59 AM

LN

“ *Eleanor Daniel*

Lon & Cheryl Noble - January 25, 2016 at 06:54 PM

JS

“ So much to say about Eleanor (and Burney). Good people. From working at a small caf#233; here in Spirit Lake, to an Aircraft factory (Rosie the Riveter WWII), Nurse for Dr. Clayton, Carlson and Kalkhoff. Worker and Supporter of Boy Scouts here in Spirit Lake, Pull tabs (Pop Tab Lady) for the Ronald McDonald House, good friend, hired many a young kids (my two sons some of the many) to help in the garden, mow lawns and rake leaves. She taught them how to work ! She always had time for a cup of coffee. Eleanor will be missed but not forgotten for sure.

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**Jeff and Ruth VanDer Sluis** - January 25, 2016 at 04:11 PM

CN

“ Heaven gained another special angel. A great friend to many including myself and a welcome heart and home to my daughter when she was growing up. She loved doing for others. Prayers to her family . She was so proud of them

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**Cheryl Noble** - January 25, 2016 at 02:41 PM

VW

“ Eleanor was my neighbor and dear friend. A more wonderful neighbor or friend would be impossible to find. A woman of great character and understanding, genuine and kind. I will always treasure her memory and the shawl she made for me.

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**Val Waltz** - January 25, 2016 at 07:02 AM

JS

“ Eleanor Daniel

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**Julie Scheib** - January 24, 2016 at 05:39 AM

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**Bev Sauer Wittler** - January 24, 2016 at 03:56 AM



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**Penny Miller** - January 23, 2016 at 06:17 PM

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DI

“ *We first met Eleanor when she was a nurse for Dr. Clayton. She was professional and yet very comforting. My thoughts and prayers go out to Pat & Dar. Your memories of Eleanor will comfort you in the days to come.*

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**Dee Iseminger** - January 23, 2016 at 06:03 PM

JS

“ Eleanor was a very special neighbor to me. I will miss her daily phone calls and the times we spent together. She taught my daughter and me how to make mints for her wedding. I admired her many crochet projects and how she cared about helping others. You are in my thoughts and prayers, Darwin and family.

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**Julie Scheib** - January 23, 2016 at 04:47 PM

RA

“ Eleanor Daniel

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**Ruth and Pete Albrant** - January 23, 2016 at 02:06 PM

DD

“ Having growing up across the alley from the Daniel family I have many great memories. Eleanor helped Doc sew me back together many times. Darrel and Darwin you have our deepest sympathy and have comfort your mom is watching over you and your family.

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**Dan & Shirley Dickinson** - January 23, 2016 at 05:41 AM

DB

“ Eleanor was a good friend to Andrew and I. We met her through Scouts and she was fun to be around. Andrew did her mowing and weeding a couple summers back in middle school. I loved when I saw her phone # on my phone as it was good to keep in touch. She thought the world of Andrew. We will miss her deeply.  
Dayle and Andrew

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**Dayle Broocks** - January 22, 2016 at 03:40 PM