



Evelyn A. Schwenneker

January 16, 1926 - April 12, 2017

Evelyn A. Schwenneker, 91, of Spirit Lake passed away at Lakes Regional Healthcare from a broken heart from her husband Ron passing away on April 7, 2017.

A double funeral service will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church with Rev. Lon Lewis officiating. Burial will be in the Swan Lake Cemetery in rural Estherville. Visitation will be one hour prior to service time at the church.

Evelyn was born on January 16, 1926 in Dows, Iowa to Gust and Vera Lucile (Boyington) Knudson the oldest of six children. She was united in marriage to Ronald Schwenneker on August 21, 1955 in Estherville, IA. Evelyn taught 1st grade for 23 years in Charles City. After her teaching career she served as the manager of Ron's Parking Lot Service, Ron and Evelyn's family business.

Evelyn was a member of the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church and a long-time member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Evelyn enjoyed traveling. She and Ron made many cross country trips over the years. She was also an avid shopper who enjoyed finding new and unique items. Evelyn's extended family spent many summers at Ron and Evelyn's cottage on the shores of Big Spirit Lake.

Evelyn is survived by her step-sons Mike and Mark Schwenneker; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister, Lorabelle (Virgil) Hempstead of Estherville, IA, brother, Harold (Janet) Knudson of Estherville, IA, sister, Blanche Mitchell of Georgetown, TX, sister, Anita West of Mesa, AZ, brother, Dale (Wanda) Knudson of Visalia, CA; and sister-in-law Ruth (Schwenneker) O'Connor of Dougherty, IA

She was preceded in death by her husband Ronald Schwenneker, her step-son Randy Schwenneker, her parents Gust and Lucile Knudson, her in-laws Stella and Carl Schwenneker and one grandchild, Travis Schwenneker.

Previous Events

Service

APR **13**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church
1812 Gary Ave
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Tribute Wall

SC

“ Met her at hawkeye when she would always faithfully come to feed Ron dinner and then later when she became a resident. What a sweetheart of a person. I will so miss our visits. Prayers to the family.

Susan clark - April 15, 2017 at 12:22 PM

JW

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jeannine weisbrod - April 14, 2017 at 08:24 AM

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Jeannine Weisbrod - April 14, 2017 at 08:15 AM

JW

Always loved seeing how put together and stylish she was. I will miss our little talks. Love Ya Bunches. Jeannine

jeannine weisbrod - April 14, 2017 at 08:30 AM

MS

I remember her too. Not in a fond way, she fooled most everyone.

Mark Schwenneker - August 19, 2021 at 08:45 AM

JA

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Evelyn's passing she was a spunky lady. I would get a big kick out of her at the store with the Respite Angels . She was always making sure that she picked up all of Ron's favorite foods and I think she found someone to visit with in every row. Prayers to her family and to her friends at Respite Angels she was a very dear soul.*

Jacqueline - April 13, 2017 at 05:41 PM

JL

“ *Jeri Lowry lit a candle in memory of Evelyn A. Schwenneker*



Jeri Lowry - April 13, 2017 at 05:21 PM

CL

“ A year ago we paid tribute to Evelyn for her 90th birthday and her many years in Daughters of the American Revolution. Now on May 9, 2017, we will pay honor to her at our next DAR meeting at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake. Her husband attended the event with music, songs, speeches and pictures. She had been a great member of the Ladies of the Lake DAR Chapter. for 40 years. Her new address is Heaven. We appreciate her service to our chapter.



Colleen Lemkuil - April 12, 2017 at 09:50 PM

KS

“ Heaven gained a special lady today rest in peace my spunky, sassy and sweet friend you made the world a little brighter! I am so thankful for the laughs we shared and your quick wit. No more struggles you are free from pain and enjoying the rewards that God has promised us!

Kelly Schultz - April 12, 2017 at 11:58 AM

LH

“ God bless the Schwenneker family. We know that Evelyn and Ron are together in health and happiness.



Laura Hanna - April 12, 2017 at 11:32 AM

MS

Disgusting, this woman was cruel. I would know . I'm her stepson, she beat me with a broom handle!

Mark Schweneker - August 20, 2025 at 02:23 PM

MS

You don't know anything Laura Hana, all were stupid.

Mark Schweneker - August 20, 2025 at 02:25 PM