



## Lorene Gustafson

January 14, 1923 - March 9, 2015

Lorene Mildred (George) Gustafson was born on a farm near Laurens, Iowa on January 14, 1923. Her parents were Lyman and Arlene (Burroughs) George. They soon moved to a farm near Rolfe, Iowa, where Lorene grew up with one older brother and four younger sisters. Lorene graduated from Rolfe High School.

On March 9, 1942, she married Harold Gustafson from Albert City, Iowa. Harold was in the Army and they lived in Pharr, Texas, for three years where he was stationed. They then moved to a farm northeast of Albert City where Harold grew up. Lorene and Harold had eight children who all grew up on this farm. They moved to Okoboji, Iowa, in 1980. Prior to moving to Okoboji, she spent several years working at Pleasant View Nursing Home in Albert City. Lorene worked with Dickinson County as a home health aide after moving to Okoboji.

During retirement, Lorene was an active member of First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake. She also taught Bible study classes at Welcov Assisted Living for several years. Lorene was dedicated to her Christianity and enjoyed the comfort it gave her. Lorene was an extremely talented seamstress. She made numerous dresses for her daughters, granddaughters and great granddaughters, as well as a quilt for each of her grandchildren. And no one . . . could ever top her homemade pies . . . at the church auction, the family reunion, or at dinner with her children.

Lorene died at Hilltop Care Center on Monday, March 9, 2015 (Harold and

Lorene's wedding anniversary).

She is survived by seven children - Jean Mark (Doug) of Ann Arbor, Michigan, Loren Gustafson (Linda) of Spirit Lake, Iowa, Dennis Gustafson (Jeanne) of Lone Tree, Colorado, Rosemary Buchholz of Madison, Wisconsin, Ruth Ann Wolf (Paul) of Middleton, Wisconsin, Lance Gustafson (Wanda) of Overland Park, Kansas, and Bruce Gustafson (Peggy) of Okoboji, Iowa. Lorene also leaves 14 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren to mourn her passing. She was preceded in death by her husband Harold, son Thomas, and son-in-laws Michael Levan and Mike Buchholz and granddaughters Erin and Michelle Buchholz.

Visitation will be held Friday, from 4 to 6 PM at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10:30 A.M. at the First Presbyterian Church, Spirit Lake, Iowa on Saturday, March 14, 2015. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Spirit Lake.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lorene Gustafson*

March 04, 2016 at 07:52 PM



“ *I would like to express my sincere condolences to the loss of your loved one. In the scriptures Job 14:14,15 and John 5:28, God promises that he will resurrect our loved ones in the near future .I hope that Jehovah , the God of comfort grant you peace. If you have any questions visit [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)*

nessa - March 30, 2015 at 12:50 PM



“ *To Lorene's family,*

*I am so sorry to hear about Lorene. She was a wonderful Lady I got to know at church.*

*She was always so welcoming and friendly.*

*Sending my sympathy to you.*

*Ms Dayle Brooks*

Dayle Brooks - March 16, 2015 at 12:15 PM



“ *Our memories of Lorene are countless and so treasured in our hearts forever. A beautiful sister in law and so dear and kind to everyone that ever crossed her path. We thank Jesus for her life and extend our love and prayers to her entire wonderful family. Until we meet in Heaven may you rest dear Lorene in God's perfect Heaven! Darryl and Clarita*

Darryl and Clarita - March 14, 2015 at 11:26 AM

CN

“ I have been a CNA for 21 years, so I have seen a lot and have met so many neat people along the way. By far, Lorene, put a long-lasting impression on me with all of her stories of the past and just being Lorene. I love her dearly and will miss her so much. Go fly to the eagles, beautiful lady!

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**Christi Nava** - March 14, 2015 at 07:59 AM

PW

“ Lorene Gustafson

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**Paul Wolf** - March 13, 2015 at 03:36 PM

DM

“ Lorene Gustafson

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**Dan & Eileen MacLellan** - March 13, 2015 at 05:46 AM

KS

“ My deepest sympathy to the Gustafson family. I have so many fond memories of Aunt Lorene. As a youngster staying on the farm in the summer. My many conversations on Sunday afternoon with her. My greatest memory though is the spark in my mother's eyes when she got to spend time with her sister. I just loved to hear about them talking and talking and talking. They are together now. Thank you Lord for such a wonderful Lady.

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**kenneth simonson** - March 12, 2015 at 07:55 PM

WH

“ Loren and family, Know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Loren, also, your love, kindness, and attention to your Mother was known by many and will serve to help you in maintaining many happy memories of time spent with her.

Walt and Connie Homan - March 12, 2015 at 03:46 PM

SE

“ Steve and I would like to extend our sympathy to all of you for your mom's passing. She was such a sweet lady. May God comfort you with her memory.

Steve and Betty Ehlers - March 12, 2015 at 02:20 PM

JY

“ Lorene Gustafson

Janice Yarns - March 12, 2015 at 02:12 PM

CS

“ Lorene Gustafson

Chad Schuchert - March 12, 2015 at 11:31 AM

KS

“ What an angel. I worked with her at Via de Cristo. Bless be her soul. Our sympathy.

Kate Shaw - March 11, 2015 at 11:38 PM

BS

“ Lorene Gustafson

Bob and Kate Shaw - March 11, 2015 at 11:29 PM

SK

“ I served on Via de Cristo teams with Lorene several times. She had such a gentle, loving spirit coupled with a great sense of humor. I can still see her twirling a feather boa while acting during a skit there! What an inspiration! She loved the Lord and is certainly rejoicing now! God bless her memory!

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**Sheryl Kleppe** - March 11, 2015 at 10:48 PM

JM

“ I have never met a more faithful Christian. I was on team at Via de Cristo a couple of times with her and I am sure God used with everyone she met.

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**Jolene Manzey** - March 11, 2015 at 10:38 PM

KG

“ Lorene Gustafson

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**Kathy Gehring** - March 11, 2015 at 07:03 PM

KH

“ Lorene Gustafson

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**Kathleen Hinn** - March 11, 2015 at 06:16 PM

LN

“ Every my memory serves me correct, Lorene took care of me the day my Dad was buried. I was four years old at the time. Definitely a sweet lady with an ever present smile.

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**Lee Nordine** - March 11, 2015 at 05:50 PM

DA

“ Lorene was one of kindest lady I have been blessed to know. I have so many great memories of this wonderful, Christ filled lady. May our Lord grant you peace and wonderful memories.

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**Darrell Arneson** - March 11, 2015 at 03:26 PM

MD

“ The Wiseman family would like to extend our condolences and sympathy to all of the Gustafson family. We defiantly lost one sweet lady we all have admired her beauty and grace over the years. God has taken home a jewel and am sure she's up their in arms of and dancing with uncle Harold. May her memories last in your hearts forever.

*Peace, Love and Prayers, Carroll, Tom, Mary, Peg and Marlene*

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**Marlene Donnolly** - March 11, 2015 at 07:24 AM

DB

“ We were blessed to meet Harold and Lorene soon after their move from Laurens. She always looked forward to spending time with her family. She and Harold expressed the "joy of the Lord". I attended Lorene's bible study for women. She was full of wisdom. Lorene made a door wreath for me with little stuffed lambs 16 years ago when we moved to MO. It's hanging on my front door as I write. She knew well the "Lamb of God" and wanted that for everyone. Family, please know we care.

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**Darwin and Carol Bears** - March 10, 2015 at 10:08 PM

CT

“ Bruce, Peggy, and to all the Gustafson family.  
Lorene had a good long life. it's always hard to say good-bye but  
may the wonderful memories hold close to your hearts. Thinking of  
you in your sorrow and wishing you strength in the days ahead.  
Hugs to all.

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**Chuck and Donna Tielbur** - March 10, 2015 at 06:13 PM

SC

“ I am sorry for your loss. Lorene was such a kind lady. I remember  
my mother (Delilah Christensen) enjoyed her so much at church.  
Cherish the memories.

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**Sally Christensen** - March 10, 2015 at 12:59 PM