



Stella Lucille Birkland

April 26, 1929 - September 14, 2020

Stella Lucille Birkland, 91, of Estherville passed away on Monday, September 14, 2020 at Good Samaritan Society in Estherville. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 26, 2020 at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will take place in the East Side Cemetery in Estherville; IA.

Stella was born on April 26, 1929 in Cylinder, IA to Harold and Rachel (McKinney) Kooker. She attended school in Cylinder. Stella was united in marriage to Kenneth Birkland on August 2, 1947 in Fairmont, MN. She worked at Hy Vee for 26 years as a Bookkeeper until her retirement in 1991. In her free time, she enjoyed tending to her home and spending time with family.

Stella is survived by her children, son Charles (Lori) Birkland of Spirit Lake, IA; daughter Charlene (Doug) Yates of Buffalo, MN; brother Paul Kooker of Emmetsburg, IA; sister-in-law Mrs. Beverly Kooker of Colorado Springs, CO; sister-in-law Regina (Karl) Johnson of Des Moines, IA; brother-in-law Ron Keeling of Blue Springs, MO of 9 grandchildren, Matthew Yates, Nathan (Jill) Yates, Ryan (Jill) Birkland, Jordan Birkland, Zachary Birkland, Grace Birkland, Elizabeth Tostenson, Carissa (Phil) Melvin, and Rachel Keeling, 6 great grandchildren, Peyton Yates, Greyson Yates, Elliot Birkland, Kaylee Melvin, Bailey Melvin and Lily Birkland. She was preceded in death by her parents,

husband of 70 years Kenneth and daughter Candace Keeling.

Memorials may be made in Stella's name and given to the Intrepid Fallen Hero's Fund at www.fallenherosfund.org

The funeral service will be live streamed on our Facebook page and will be uploaded for later viewing after the service to Stella's page on our website page.

Cemetery Details

East Side Cemetery

Estherville, IA 51334

Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Stella Lucille Birkland*



Robinson Funeral Home - September 30, 2020 at 04:03 PM

GK

“ *Aunt Stella will surely be missed down here but I'm certain her sweet soul is glistening and she has a huge smile right now getting to join with Uncle Kenny again. Christmas won't be the same without your yearly card, always my first of the season. RIP Auntie I love you.*
Glenda (Babe) Kooker

Glenda Kooker - September 22, 2020 at 05:31 PM

BA

“ *Beverly Atwell lit a candle in memory of Stella Lucille Birkland*



Beverly Atwell - September 19, 2020 at 05:30 PM

NW

“ Nancy Wurtz lit a candle in memory of Stella Lucille Birkland



nancy wurtz - September 18, 2020 at 04:01 PM

MB

“ Mollie Beck lit a candle in memory of Stella Lucille Birkland



Mollie Beck - September 18, 2020 at 02:43 PM

MB

Sympathy and prayers for the loss of your mother.

Mollie Beck - September 18, 2020 at 02:45 PM

KW

“ Kristie Wintz sent a virtual gift in memory of Stella Lucille Birkland



Kristie Wintz - September 18, 2020 at 02:19 PM

DI

“ *Dee E Iseminger lit a candle in memory of Stella Lucille Birkland*



Dee E Iseminger - September 17, 2020 at 10:07 PM

WW

“ *Stella Stella you will for sure be missed she was my favorite resident that I cared for always was so smiley, always wanting for me to sit and just have a chat to pass the time. She definitely had a heart of gold, whenever I worked and she was feeling down I was there to hold her hand, calm her and let her know she was safe and give her a warm hug. She always told me great stories about Kenny her husband how he never did anything to hurt her and always looked out for her I never got the pleasure of meeting him but sounds like he was a great man. Stella obviously was a working women as she told me she never had many hobbies just house work, milking cows, and doing the books at Hy-Vee. So many good conversations we had Rest In Peace Stelly (what we always called her) you back with your one and only love!*

Whitney Willeford - September 17, 2020 at 03:46 PM

DR

“ *I had the privilege to care for Stella at GSS. She was so kind and appreciative. I will miss her and thank you for sharing her with all of us. ❤️❤️ Debbie*

Debbie Gonnerman, RN - September 16, 2020 at 09:24 PM

RD

“ *Rosemary Davis lit a candle in memory of Stella Lucille Birkland*



Rosemary Davis - September 16, 2020 at 01:06 PM

RD

She had a great smile and loved her family dearly.

Rosemary Davis - September 22, 2020 at 01:16 PM

LI

Dear Aunt Stella,

We loved you dearly. I treasure the photo you brought me of my dad when he was little. I loved it when you and Uncle Ken would come to visit us growing up. I'll miss your beautiful penmanship in our Christmas card, and occasional notes. I loved your twinkling eyes, laughter, and fun mischief with dad, Uncle Ken, and Uncle Paul. Memories I will treasure until we meet again.

*Love you,
Linda and Ron*

Linda - September 22, 2020 at 04:37 PM

GS

Enjoyed my visits with Stella at both Homestead and Good Sam. Say hi to Mom.

Gloria Swanson - September 26, 2020 at 07:25 PM