



Darlene Ida May Stuedemann

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Darlene Ida May Stuedemann, age 99, of Clinton, Iowa, died February 18, in Iowa City. Services will be held at Elvira Zion Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 1, at 11am. Visitation will be held at Elvira Zion Lutheran Church starting at 9am the same day as the funeral.

Burial will be in Center Grove Cemetery.

Darlene was born February 27, 1925, the daughter of August and Eda (Moehr) Dethmann, in rural Clinton County. She was a 1943 Elvira High School graduate and married her classmate, Walter Stuedemann, on September 30, 1945 at Zion Lutheran Church in Clinton, IA. Darlene and Walter farmed near Elvira until retiring in 1989. She was an active member of Elvira Zion Lutheran church for over 90 years where she taught Sunday School and Bible Bethel Class. Darlene was the 4-H leader for the Elvira Hi Ho 4-H Club, YWCA Mother of the Year in 1974 and taught quilting at Clinton Community College. In 1967 she hosted a Foreign Exchange student from the Philippines. In 1950, she acquired her first English Bulldog and in 1970, began her long career of breeding and showing champion bulldogs. She went on to breed 79 AKC champion bulldogs, including four in the Bulldog Club of America (BCA) Hall of Fame, including Champion Beauties Amos,

the number one AKC bulldog in the country in 2000, Champion Blonde Beauty who produced 13 AKC champions more than any other bulldog bitch. She won four George M Becket awards which means she had four bulldogs that produced more champions in the last five years than any other AKC bulldog in the country.

She was a member of the Clinton Iowa Kennel Club (starting in 1976) and held all the offices as well as show chairman and dog training teacher. She was a charter member (1988) of the Bulldog Club of Central Iowa. She was active in the BCA and served as National Treasurer, Counselor, Standards Committee and History Committee Chairman. She was an AKC judge, judging in the nonsporting group. She wrote many articles that were published in The Bulldog Annual, The Sourmug and the BCA Bulldogger. She was inducted in the BCA Hall of Fame in 1980. In 2019 she was inducted into the BCA Hall of Fame for Outstanding Individual Contributors to BCA for



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over 35 years of service. Darlene was an avid collector of all things related to bulldogs and accumulated an amazing collection over the years.

Darlene collected hundreds of documents/articles related to Moehr, Dethmann and Stuedemann family history and genealogy, which she organized into large binders. She loved to travel and see new places and experience new cultures. She also liked to attend her flowers and always had a colorful garden.

Darlene is survived by her children: Ross Stuedemann of Oxford, Iowa, Renee Stuedemann of Chicago, Ill and Reed (Susan) Stuedemann of East Peoria, Il; grandchildren: Justin (Anne) Stuedemann of Kansas City, KS, Jesse (Katie) Stuedemann of Denver, CO and Sara Stuedemann of Madison, WI; great grandchildren: Ella and Ava Stuedemann of Kansas City, KS, Kit and Margot Stuedemann of Denver, CO and niece Kay (Blair) Corder of Oracle, AZ. Denise (Bill) Ryan of Columbus Junction, IA, Diane (Curtis) Claeys of Delmar, IA, Nephew, Ray (Evelyn) Stuedemann of Clinton, IA.

She was preceded in death by her husband Walter (2008), sister Arvilla Albaugh, brother-in-law Marvin Albaugh and one grandchild, Jordon Stuedemann.

Memorials may be made to the Elvira Zion Lutheran Church- air conditioner fund.




Events

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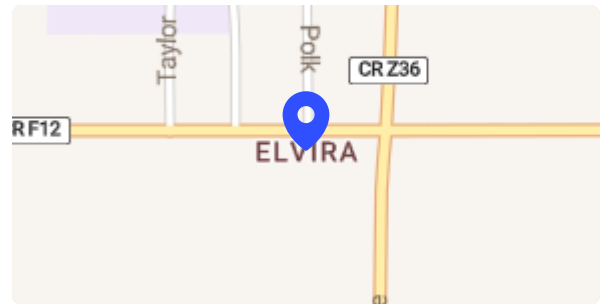
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Visitation

 **Saturday**, March 1, 2025

 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

 **Elvira Zion Lutheran Church**
Elvira IA

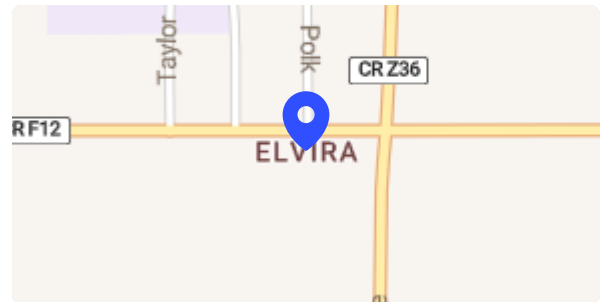


Service


 **Saturday**, March 1, 2025

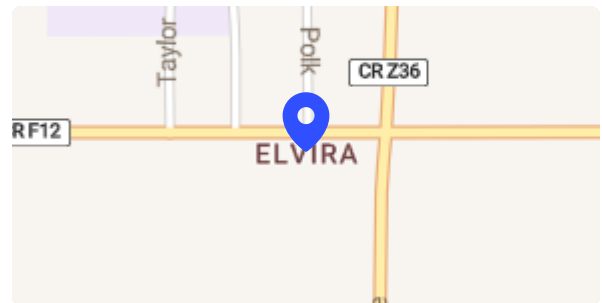
 11:00 AM CT

 **Elvira Zion Lutheran Church**
Elvira IA



Cemetery Details

 **Center Grove Cemetery**
North of Elvira IA





Tribute Wall

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Cindy And Bob Beserra lit a candle in honor of Darlene.

Our sympathies to the family and close friends of Darlene; you will be missed.

Cindy/Bob Beserra

March 1 at 4:30 AM



Siri Boateng posted:

A year or two ago I volunteered to be a visitor at the assisted living to visit with people who might want a friend for conversation and was introduced to Darlene. She ended up being the only one I came to visit after awhile and I tried to visit often and we became friends. We had visits about every week or other week or two or so and often talked of pets, travels, and many other interesting topics... sometimes while having chocolate malts I'd bring—her fav!—or watching jeopardy! She'd show me pictures of her family on the phone whom she loved dearly and I'd share pictures of my hamster which she'd hold up close and look at and always made sure to ask about first thing when I came in. I always enjoyed our visits very very much. I'm so sad to read this news but I know she had strong faith and is in heaven at peace. I will not be able to make the visitation/funeral but my prayers are with all who are close to her. —Siri Boateng

February 26 at 1:22 PM



Michelle Cazett sent a Sympathy Gift Vintage Wind Chime - "I Have You In My Heart" to the Stuedemann family.

February 25 at 11:22 AM



Phyllis (Schroeder) Peters posted:

Very sorry , Darlene was our 4-H leader & Sunday School teacher back in Elvira. Sympathy to Ross, Renee, Reed & families.

February 22 at 3:22 PM



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YP

Yvonne Page posted:

I knew Darlene for three years and at that time she became a very special friend. I'd pick up her mail bring it to her room and then we would sit and talk and visit about the kinds of things that were happening around the world and about her life it was so good to talk with her. She was an extremely intelligent woman. She done so many things that were interesting for me to learn about. I will miss Darlene. I know that she loved the Lord and the Lord loved her and she is with him at this point however the people she left behind will miss her I think God for the gift of her life. Yvonne Page

February 22 at 2:35 PM

LS

Les Shields posted:

Reed, I wish to extend my sincere condolences on the passing of your mother. I regret that I will not be back in Iowa in time to see you at the visitation. Be strong, my friend. Sincerely, Les Shields

February 21 at 6:13 PM

JA

Judy And Joel ((Wing) Alleman posted:

Darlene was a great neighbor and friend. So many good memories growing up. Our sympathies are with her family

February 21 at 2:41 PM

LK

Linda Simon-Kinseth February 26 at 8:22 AM

Renee, Sending you and your family warm hugs. Darlene was a very strong person and taught all of us how to keep working hard that it does pay off. I remember when we were stuck in a snowy ditch going to a baton contest and Darlene and you bundled up and went to the truck stop we had passed to get help. What a amazing team you were! Thinking of you, be strong. With deepest sympathy. Linda Simon-Kinseth & Family

DT

Donna Stamp Termont February 21 at 5:20 PM

The Stuedemann family were neighbors for many years. I have many fond memories of Darlene as our Elvira Hi-Ho 4-H club leader. As I think back to those years,,,I remember a trip to the Dells with Darlene and the foreign exchange student!Our sympathy to the family!f

DB

Darla And Gerard Banowetz February 21 at 3:06 PM

Enjoyed years we cleaned for Darlene. Lunches and visits we shared were special you have our sympathy



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Darlene by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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