



## Clara Ona Westercamp

March 25, 1922 - July 3, 2017

Clara Westercamp, 95, of Oskaloosa passed away Monday evening, July 3, 2017, at the Northern Mahaska Nursing and Rehab Center in Oskaloosa. Clara Ona Westercamp, daughter of Earl Russell and Leora May (Martin) Ling, was born, March 25, 1922, at the rural home of her parents in Poweshiek County, Iowa. She attended Barnes City School through the 11th grade, but attended Cosgrove School for her senior year, graduating in 1939. She married Gerard Westercamp, November 29, 1940, in Bedford, Kentucky. They made their home on a farm five miles north of Oskaloosa, a place they lived their entire married life. Clara stayed busy helping her husband with the many farm chores in addition to caring for her home and three children. When her children were older, Clara began waitressing in Oskaloosa, she worked at several restaurants including, Nichols Café, Red Star Café, Boston's Coffee House and The Checkerboard. She later worked at Willimsen Shoe Store, Shoeland and lastly at Stuart's Shoe Store. She retired in the late 1960s. In their later years, Clara and Gerard enjoyed traveling and camping in Arizona and Texas. Gerard passed away November 7, 2008 after nearly 69 years of marriage. Clara was a member of the First Christian Church in Oskaloosa. Her family includes her children and their spouses: Faye and Wendell Knowler of New Sharon, Roger and Darlene Westercamp and Howard and Marjorie Westercamp all of Oskaloosa; 11 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents and her husband, Clara was preceded in death by a sister, Thelma McMains and two brothers: Walter and Russell Ling.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Clara Ona Westercamp*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM

SC

“ *Deepest condolences on your loss.*

**Sam Cook** - July 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *Howard and family, We are so sorry to read about your mother. I love the picture you used of her. Losing a parent as you know is hard. Please know your classmates and friends are here for you*  
*Don and Kathy*

**Kathy Larsen** - July 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *I always enjoyed the days when Clara came into the law office. She and I could have talked all day and not run out of things to talk about.*

**Bettoa Downey** - July 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Sorry for your loss! My prayers are with the family!*

**Miles Stout** - July 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *I am sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. To lose someone dear to us is hard but to be able to rejoice that we will see them again keeps us at peace. My prayers to you at this time.*

**Joyce Conner** - July 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.*

**Garland** - July 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Howard and the Westercamp family, So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. May God give you comfort, peace, and strength during this time. It's so hard to loose a parent. My thought and prayers are with you  
Connie Wright

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**Connie Wright** - July 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

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**Joel and Patricia Merrill** - July 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Faye and Wendell, I am so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers.

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**Carol Wonderlich** - July 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Dear Faye and the Westerkamp family all, We send our thoughts and prayers to you in the loss of your mother. We didn't know her personally, but do know she and your dad raised some pretty darn good kids. Sincere sympathy. Ted and Louise Binns Burson  
Manistique, MI

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**Louise Burson** - July 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM