



Francene Hugen

March 24, 1925 - October 24, 2022

Francene Hugen, 97, of Oskaloosa, passed away Monday, October 24, 2022, at the Oskaloosa Care Center.

Francene Grace Hugen, daughter of William and Gertrude (Voss) De Prenger, was born March 24, 1925, at her parents' rural home west of Leighton, Iowa. She attended country school at Black Oak and Scotts Center west of Leighton through the eighth grade and then Pella High School. She graduated in 1942. Following her education, Francene got a job with the Pella National Bank working as a secretary and teller. Francene married Robert Owen Hugen on September 26, 1945, at the Central Reformed Church parsonage in Oskaloosa. They started their life together in rural Pella, and Francene continued to work at the bank until her children were born, and then she stayed home to care for them. Over the years, Francene and Bob farmed near Fremont, Leighton, and west of New Sharon before settling on their own farm in Union Mills Township. In 1966, they sold that farm, established Oskaloosa International, Inc., and moved into Oskaloosa. Following Bob's death in 2004, Francene moved to Pella to be closer to her grandchildren. She moved to the Oskaloosa Care Center in 2012. She enjoyed reading, golfing, bowling, and visiting friends and family. She was a member of the Trinity Reformed Church in Pella and a past member of Central Church in Oskaloosa, where she was active in numerous activities. She was also a member and past president of P.E.O. Chapter X.

Francene's family includes her daughter and son-in-law, Mary and William Parsons of Virginia, and their sons: Brian (Nancy) Parsons and Scott Parsons; her son, Richard (Kathy – deceased) Hugen of Pella and his daughters: Carrie (Jason) Blommers, Tina (Jeremy) Vander Molen, Sheri (Dan) De Nooy, and Dena (Kyle) Huelsman; her late son, Kenneth (Jan Lynam) Hugen and their children: Kate (Mike) Cisney, Laura (Chad) Beyer and Jon (Meagan) Hugen; 21 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband Bob, her son Kenneth, and daughter-in-law Kathy, Francene was preceded in death by a great-grandson, William Kenneth Marcum; two sisters: Velma Rempe and Betty Van Arendonk, and brothers, Herb and Howard De Prenger.

Funeral services for Francene will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, October 29, 2022, at Central Church (formerly Central Reformed Church), with Pastor Jon Nelson officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery near Leighton. Visitation and Coffee Time will be

held Saturday morning from 9-10:45 a.m. at the church. Langkamp Funeral Chapel is handling her arrangements. Memorial contributions can be made to the Mahaska Health Foundation for the Hospice Serenity House or the Pella Hospice Comfort House.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Easton Ave. and 205th ST
Leighton, IA 50143

Previous Events

Visitation/Coffee Time

OCT **29**. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Central Church
815 2nd Ave. East
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Central Church was formerly Central Reformed Church

Funeral Service

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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815 2nd Ave. East
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Tribute Wall



“ *Francene Hugen*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM

KB

“ *Kathy Besco lit a candle in memory of Francene Hugen*



Kathy Besco - November 10, 2022 at 11:22 AM

JK

“ *I have great memories of the Hugen family. My parents and my siblings and I spent time with them at their farm in New Sharon and went in vacations together. Francene was so fun and I loved going to her house! My mom and her golfed together for many years. I wish we could attend the visitation and funeral but we are going out of town. My sincere condolences and prayers to all her family. She was a great lady and will be missed. Julie Lewis Knoot*

Julie Knoot - October 27, 2022 at 09:38 AM

JR

“ *Janna Roekel lit a candle in memory of Francene Hugen*



Janna Roekel - October 26, 2022 at 11:12 AM

CE

“ *I was in a Sunday School class with Francene at Trinity Reformed Church. She was lots of fun, had a quick wit and kept us laughing. She was a great lady and will be missed by many.*

Carol Van Engelenhoven - October 26, 2022 at 08:47 AM

EF

“ I loved pulling up to the Care Center and seeing her sitting outside! She would always say “what’d ya drive today”!? She had a fun personality no doubt! A beautiful gal!!

Elie Ford - October 26, 2022 at 08:08 AM

MO

“ Our sincere sympathy to the family at this time. Mona Bond & family

Mona - October 26, 2022 at 07:08 AM

CS

Fran sat at the dinner table with our Mother(Betty Smith). They bickered like sisters in fun at every meal. Our family really enjoyed her & her spirited personality. Our thoughts & prayers are with you family. She was a great lady!

connie Scharff - October 26, 2022 at 10:37 AM

DF

“ It was my pleasure to know Francine when I visited the Care Center. When the weather permitted she loved being outside in the sun!

Diana Fryer - October 25, 2022 at 09:43 PM

LH

“ Francine was such a fun lady to be around. Sharp, witty, funny. I wish her family peace. I am sure she will be missed.

Lynn Hodgeman - October 25, 2022 at 09:03 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Francene Hugen.



October 25, 2022 at 08:55 PM