



## Lenore Engelbert

January 12, 1930 - May 27, 2024

Lenore Engelbert, 94, of Oskaloosa, passed away Monday, May 27, 2024, at the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Lenore Engelbert, daughter of Thurman K. and Esther Margaret (Jones) Lortz, was born in Williamsburg, Iowa, on January 12, 1930. She grew up on a farm and didn't have electricity until she was 12. Her parents were Methodist and poor, yet she and her one brother were never hungry. She grew up in a time when people felt comfortable going on a walk after dark and leaving their houses unlocked. As a youngster, she walked to the country school for her education, about a mile and a half one way. Since she lived in the country and school buses didn't exist then, she either stayed with her aunt who lived in town or got a ride from one of the neighbors to attend and eventually graduate from Williamsburg High School. She received nurse's training at Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Cedar Rapids.

As an adult, she married Tom Engelbert, a teacher and high school administrator, and his different jobs took them to five different Iowa small towns: Villisca, Norwalk, Colfax, Parkersburg, and New Sharon. Shortly after moving to New Sharon in 1974, Lenore began working as a Registered Nurse at the New Sharon Care Center. She worked there for over 25 years, and after she and Tom retired, they moved to Oskaloosa. Though moving was never much fun, Lenore was glad to have met and known so many people over the years. She was thankful to live in Iowa, though she enjoyed summer vacations to other states, a church trip to Alaska, and a few trips to Switzerland. Her

favorite place, though, was always her home.

Lenore felt fortunate to have good health, enabling her to enjoy many hobbies, including crocheting, crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, and reading, particularly history and personal stories of people not necessarily well known. She also played the piano, though only for her enjoyment, and loved to hear the old hymns, her favorite being "Great is Thy Faithfulness." She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Oskaloosa.

Lenore was blessed to have seven grandchildren ranging in ages from 11 to 28 and three children who are healthy, well-educated, and married to good people: Heidi (David) Gutsch of Jamison, PA, and their children, Julia, Elizabeth, and Caroline; Amy (Gregg) Shoultz of Iowa City and their children, Sophie and Natalie; and Matthew (Dana) Engelbert of Oxford, MS and their children, Colin and Andrew Engelbert.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Tom, in 1998, Lenore was preceded in death by a brother, Leland Lortz.

Funeral Services for Lenore will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, May 31, 2024, at the First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Dr. Dennis Morey of the Faith Presbyterian Church of Cedar Rapids officiating. The burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery in Williamsburg. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Thursday, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 4-6:30 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to the Mahaska Health Foundation to be directed to the Hospice Serenity House or The First Presbyterian Church of Oskaloosa.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

604 Maplewood Ave  
Williamsburg, IA 52361

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 30.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory  
2116 N 3rd St  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
(641) 672-2181  
langkampfuneralchapel@gmail.com  
<https://www.langkampfuneralchapel.com>

*The family will greet visitors from 4-6:30 p.m.*

## Funeral Service

**MAY 31.** 10:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
405 High Ave. E.  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
presby1@mahaska.org  
<http://www.oskaloosafirstpresbyterian.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lenore Engelbert.*



May 30, 2024 at 06:29 PM



“ *Amelia T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lenore Engelbert.*

**Amelia T.** - May 30, 2024 at 05:48 PM



“ *Great memories of the Engelbert family while living and working in New Sharon. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

**Pam Smith** - May 30, 2024 at 01:40 PM



“ *Ann Heins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lenore Engelbert.*

**Ann Heins** - May 30, 2024 at 10:40 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lenore Engelbert.*



May 30, 2024 at 10:40 AM

DG

“ It was always good to have quiet, efficient Lenore working with you in the church kitchen. I picked up the books she donated to the AAUW used book sale, and was always impressed by the number and variety. No doubt she'd read many more that she'd given to others. My sympathy to her family who were lucky to have this woman of many talents and interests. Dianne Van Gorp

Dianne Van Gorp - May 30, 2024 at 10:32 AM

CL

Our thoughts and prayers go to the Englebert family!! The LaRue family.

Charles LaRue - May 31, 2024 at 09:35 AM

TM

“ the team at Merck planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lenore Engelbert.

the team at Merck - May 30, 2024 at 10:20 AM

TM

“ the team at Merck purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Lenore Engelbert.



the team at Merck - May 30, 2024 at 10:20 AM

LH

“ Sincerest condolences to the Englebert children. I have lovely memories of your mom and dad.

Lynn Hodgeman - May 29, 2024 at 07:47 PM

VB

“ Heidi, Amy, Matt, and Families,  
Words feel insufficient in times of such profound loss, but we want to extend our heartfelt condolences for the loss of your mother/grandmother. She was an impressive woman who left such an incredible legacy in all of you. As you navigate this journey of grief, I hope the memories of her bring you moments of joy and peace amidst the pain. Sending you love and prayers during this difficult time.

*With sympathy and affection –  
Vickie Brand and Family*

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**Vickie Brand** - May 28, 2024 at 09:58 PM

BG

“ Aunt Heidi, Uncle Dave, and my sweet cousins, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother and grandmother. What a beautiful life she lived and legacy she left behind. You are all in my heart at this time of sorrow. Love, Bonnie Gutsch and Family

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**Bonnie Gutsch** - May 28, 2024 at 08:12 PM

KL

“ Ken, Jen, Bronwen, Rick & Denise & Lynne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lenore Engelbert.

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**Ken, Jen, Bronwen, Rick & Denise & Lynne** - May 28, 2024 at 07:21 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Lenore Engelbert.*



May 28, 2024 at 07:21 PM



“ *Class of 1988 purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lenore Engelbert.*



**Class of 1988** - May 28, 2024 at 05:47 PM



“ *Patti Yaeger and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lenore Engelbert.*



**Patti Yaeger and family** - May 28, 2024 at 05:03 PM



“ *The Joe Schrimpl Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lenore Engelbert.*



**The Joe Schrimpl Family** - May 28, 2024 at 04:42 PM

FC

“ From the Lori, Breanne and Callie purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Lenore Engelbert.



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**From the Lori, Breanne and Callie** - May 28, 2024 at 04:20 PM

TF

“ The Marinaro Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lenore Engelbert.



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**The Marinaro Family** - May 28, 2024 at 04:20 PM

YC

“ Your friends at Catapult purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Lenore Engelbert.



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**Your friends at Catapult** - May 28, 2024 at 04:11 PM