



Luella Nieuwsma

January 12, 1930 - December 23, 2025

Luella Nieuwsma, 95, of Oskaloosa, passed away on Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at her home in Oskaloosa.

Luella Martha Nieuwsma, daughter of John and Rena (Vonk) Rozenboom, was born on January 12, 1930, in Lacey, Iowa. She attended country schools through 9th grade and graduated from Oskaloosa High School in 1948. On February 8, 1949, Luella was united in marriage to Arvin Nieuwsma, son of Henry and Irene (Andringa) Nieuwsma.

Luella loved the Lord and was a faithful member of Bethel Christian Reformed Church. She also loved music and played piano in a ladies' trio and a men's quartet for many years. Luella was also a church organist for 74 years.

Luella is survived by her daughter, Patti (Greg) Westra; her son, Dan (Marla Van Wyk) Nieuwsma; grandchildren: Phillip (Michelle) Westra, Steven Westra, Eric (Emily) Nieuwsma, Katie (Tayler) Riggen, and Brett (Anna) Nieuwsma; great-grandchildren: Levi, Hannah, Eli, Elsie, Jack, Evan, Mabel, Clay, Walker, Ezra, Bo, Eddy, Maisy, Lottie and Ella; sister: Irene Engelhoven; sister-in-law, Nadine Rozenboom; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Luella was preceded in death by her parents, parents-in-law, husband, Arvin; an infant son, Ronald Lee; brother, Donald Rozenboom; sisters, Dorothy

Ryken and Gerri Ozinga; brothers-in-law: Sybren Ryken, Garlyn Engelhoven, and Melvin Ozinga.

Funeral services for Luella will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, December 29, 2025, at Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Oskaloosa with Rev. Doug Van Der Pol and Rev. Phillip Westra officiating. A Family Prayer Service will be held at 10:15 a.m. preceding the funeral service. Burial will be at Forest Cemetery in the Garden of Meditation. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Sunday, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 3-5 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Oskaloosa Christian School.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **28**. 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 3-5 p.m.

Family Prayer Service

DEC **29**. 10:15 AM (CT)

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
2157 230th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Please meet in the fellowship hall.

Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Luella Nieuwsma*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - December 26, 2025 at 06:49 PM

SR

Our condolences to the Nieuwsma and Westra families.

Steve Rozenboom - December 29, 2025 at 09:06 AM

VK

“ *Leon and I are sending our Sympathy to Luella's Family!*



Vicki and Leon Kelderman - December 29, 2025 at 02:39 PM

DT

“ *Our prayers and sympathies for Patti & Greg and Dan & Marla, and all their dear families. Without a doubt she love you all very much, and she was very proud of you! Aunt Luella was well loved in our Nieuwsma family circle. She always made sure we felt welcome in their home.*

Donna & Jeff Tucker

donna t - December 28, 2025 at 07:20 PM

MN

“ *Marla Nilson lit a candle in memory of Luella Nieuwsma*



Marla Nilson - December 28, 2025 at 03:10 PM

JC

“ *My sympathy to Luella's family. She was such a good friend to my mother, Anna Kelderman. My mom called me Luella several times when she had dementia.*

Jean Chance - December 28, 2025 at 12:51 AM

JK

“ *Since Dan and I were best friends since the playpen, it seems that half of my childhood was spent at Arvin and Luella's house. Having heard it after countless sleepovers , I can still hear Luella like it was yesterday, with her distinctive southern accent, calling up the stairs of their then 100 year old house , as a wake up call to two boys who had probably just went to bed, “Danny , breakfast is ready “ . Breakfast was always great too , as was every meal and goodie that Luella prepared for us. No matter how late the coon hunt , we could always count on goodies to be waiting for us when we got back. Pig in a blanket, cookies , hot chocolate , and chocolate cake that I'll never forget. She was always there for us , her family, and her church family, modeling to us all what it looked like to be a child of God and whose presence she is now in . James Kelderman*

James Kelderman - December 27, 2025 at 04:21 PM



“ My condolences to Luella Nieuwsma’s family. I still remember Luella’s distinctive mom voice calling Danny & Patti into house after the neighborhood kids were done playing.
May your memories of her goodness soothe your aching hearts.

Lois Scott (Kelderman) - December 27, 2025 at 02:13 PM



“ Sympathy to all of Luellas family. Our mother, Elsie Kelderman, loved Luella so much! Mom always introduced her as... 'My wedding organist'....Luella was so good to mom after her stroke, and was never uncomfortable with moms post stroke 'gibberish'. I love to her Luellas laugh!! What a great woman! Rest Easy, in the Arms of your Savior!
Mary (Kelderman) Kelly

Mary Kelly - December 27, 2025 at 11:39 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Luella Nieuwsma.



December 27, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ Curt & Ro Westra planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luella Nieuwsma.

Curt & Ro Westra - December 27, 2025 at 10:09 AM

ML

“ To the Luella Nieuwsma family: Our deepest sympathy in your loss of a mother grandmother and great,grandmother this past Tuesday,Dec.23,2025.We recall the loss of your father while we were in Bethel Church.May the God of all grace comfort and strengthen you during these days. Blessed in the Lord are the death of the saints. In Christ-Rev.Marvin J. and Martha A. Leese

Marvin and Martha Leese - December 26, 2025 at 06:25 PM