



Marilyn Brummel

December 11, 1934 - March 3, 2026

Marilyn Brummel, 91, of Pella and formerly Oskaloosa, passed away Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at The Cottages in Pella.

Marilyn Ann Fynaardt Brummel was born on December 11, 1934, on a farm in the Fremont–Cedar area to Pete and Delia (Van Ringelstein) Fynaardt.

She received her early education at Fairview Country School and later attended Oskaloosa Christian School. It was there that she met her eventual spouse, James L. Brummel — though at first neither recognized what would become a lifelong love. Over time, friendship deepened, and the two were united in marriage on May 12, 1954, at the First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa, the church Marilyn faithfully attended all her life.

Marilyn began her working life immediately after completing the eighth grade. She cared for infants and mothers in their homes, often carrying full responsibility for managing the household. Those early years reflected the capable and steady spirit that defined her life.

Later, Marilyn joined Jim in a modest real estate venture that began with remodeling an older home into apartments. Over the years, they flipped more than a dozen homes into income properties. Their hard work and wise stewardship provided the resources to ensure a Christian education for their children — a priority that reflected the deep faith they shared.

Through their rental properties, Marilyn encountered many people. She was more than a landlord; she was often a listening ear, a steady presence, and a trusted friend. Because of those years, Jim and Marilyn formed lasting

friendships, including special bonds with Ken and Carol Morlan and Alice Menne.

In 2013, at the ages of 78, Jim and Marilyn remodeled their final home in Oskaloosa — the former Nazarene Youth House — and loved living there together until they became residents of Homestead in Oskaloosa. In May of 2025, they moved to Pella to be just a block away from their family, where Jim continues to reside at Fair Haven East.

Family was always Marilyn's greatest joy. She especially loved becoming a grandmother — though no one ever called her that. Her first grandchild gave her the name "Mau," and it lovingly stuck for all twelve grandchildren and the great-grandchildren who followed. In her final days, her brightest responses were reserved for the littlest members of the family. Her eyes would light up, and her heart was always happiest when surrounded by them.

Marilyn will be remembered as a faithful wife, a loving mother and grandmother, and a hardworking woman who once delighted in receiving a set of scaffolding for her 80th birthday. She was a lifelong follower of Jesus, modeling her life after His example. She leaves a legacy of compassion, generosity, and the ability to brighten a room with the simple wink of her eye. Her family includes her husband, Jim of Pella; her daughters, Bev (Dennis) DeVries and Judy Stuit-Nikkel, also of Pella; her grandchildren: Randy (Jodi) DeVries of Pella, Stacey (Scott) DeBoef of Leighton, Valerie DeVries of Pella, Justin (Denise) Stuit of Kansas City, MO; and Kari (Josh) Rooda of Prairie City; her great-grandchildren: Colby (Jocelyn) DeVries, Tyson (fiancé – Amelia Boender), Jessa DeVries, Noah (Olivia) DeBoef, Henry DeBoef, Wyatt DeBoef, Georgia DeVries, Calvin Stuit, Mia Stuit, Nadia Rooda, Roczen Rooda, Kaden Rooda; and one great-great-granddaughter, Elizabeth DeVries. Marilyn is also survived by her siblings, Joann Kelderman of Pella, Dorothy Groenenboom, and Peter and Paul Fynaardt, all of Oskaloosa, and a sister-in-law, Nancy Brummel of Pella.

In addition to her parents, Peter & Delia Fynaardt, Marilyn was preceded in death by two sons-in-law, Marc Stuit and Brent Nikkel; her siblings and their

spouses: Lester & Rachel Fynaardt, Joann Fynaardt, Barb Fynaardt, Paul Groenenboom, and Tunis Kelderman; her husband's parents, Henry & Bertha Brummel; and his siblings: Edna & Lester Klein, Ada & Carl Olson, Bernice & Ed Goemaat, Clara & Hank Lanser, Esther & Orville Bensink, Virgil & Edith Brummel, Virginia & Herman Simmons, Anna & Ben Groenendyk, Howard Brummel and Mildred & Ray DeZwarte.

Funeral Services for Marilyn will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, March 9, 2026, at the First Christian Reformed Church in Oskaloosa with Pastor Joe Brummel officiating. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery. The visitation for Marilyn will be held from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. at the church. A family prayer service will begin at 10:45 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. Langkamp Funeral Chapel has been entrusted with Marilyn's final arrangements. Memorial contributions can be made to the Oskaloosa Christian Grade School.

Cemetery Details

Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
secretary@forestcemetery.com
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

First Christian Reformed Church
815 North 11th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
firstcrcosky@mahaska.org
<http://www.firstcrcosky.org>

Prayer Service

MAR 9. 10:45 AM.

Church Fellowship Hall

Funeral Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Funeral Service for Marilyn Brummel in memory of Marilyn Brummel*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - March 07 at 09:45 PM



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn Brummel*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - March 06 at 03:33 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marilyn Brummel.*

March 07 at 11:10 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marilyn Brummel.*



March 07 at 11:10 AM



“ *Jim and Marilyn Stuit purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marilyn Brummel.*



Jim and Marilyn Stuit - March 05 at 08:34 PM



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Jim and Marilyn Stuit - March 05 at 08:34 PM

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“ Long ago my Auntie Marilyn gifted me some of the treasures she found in the attic of houses she and Uncle Jim rehabbed. There were a couple of oak plants stands, a pair of sepia Cupid prints from the early 1900's and a cool old mirror with intricate wood scrollwork at the top. As an energetic high schooler, I went right to work refinishing all those nooks & crannies removing layers of old finish. Now that mirror is being loved in the home of my son. I believe that mirror reflects Auntie Marilyn's generosity for yet another generation.

My heartfelt condolences to Uncle Jim, Bev, Judy and their families. May her memory soothe your heartache.

Lois (Kelderman) Scott

Lois (Kelderman) Scott - March 05 at 02:24 PM

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“ As her obituary states, Marilyn and Jim were our landlords for a few years until we were able to purchase our first home. We spent many hours just visiting and I always enjoyed our time together. May she rest in the loving arms of Jesus and may He provide comfort and peace to all who loved her.

Vickie Ches - March 05 at 05:12 AM



“ My sincere condolences to the family. Bev, your family is in my thoughts. Please tell you dad that I am thinking of him as well.

Connie Davis

Connie Davis - March 05 at 01:53 AM