

## Irene Louise Alvestad

January 08, 1927 - March 23, 2022

Irene Alvestad passed away peacefully on March 23, 2022 at the age of 95 years. Funeral services will be Saturday April 9, 2022 at 10:30 am at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Story City. Burial will follow in the Roland Cemetery. Visitation will be an hour prior to the service at the church. Irene was born to David and Bertha (Enderson) Hanson on January 8, 1927 and was the second youngest of eight children. She was baptized, confirmed and married in Salem Lutheran Church in Roland, Iowa. After graduating from High School, Irene worked for two years in the office of the Hegland Produce company. In June of 1947, she married Ralph Norman Alvestad of Roland after he saw her singing in the church choir. He was the joy of her life and they were married for 65 years. The had two children together, Dennis and Carole Ann.

Ralph's engineering work took them to Texas, Missouri, Cedar Falls, Iowa and finally to Gladbrook where he worked for Gethman Construction until his retirement.

Irene loved being outdoors taking care of her lawn and flowers. She worked for Gladbrook Retirement Home for several years where her loving nature was shared in caring for the residents. Irene's greatest joy in life were her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved being involved in their lives and nothing gave her more joy than getting together for family celebrations and cooking wonderful meals for them.

Ralph and Irene moved to Story City in 2005, where they were active members of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Survivors include son Dennis and wife Anne, of Ankeny, daughter Carole Ann and husband Larry Otteman of Ames; two grandchildren: Dr. Alec Otteman and wife Andrea and their children Avery, Anders and Alma of St. Paul, MN and Andrea (Otteman) Belz and husband Adam and their children Gideon, Maeve Irene and Langston of Chickamauga, GA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sisters, Blanche Johnson, Bernice Hove, Gladys Williams, Elaine Olson, Betty Jane Tegland, Ila Mae Barrington and brother Donald Hanson. Memorial donations in Irene's honor may be made to Bethany Life, Immanuel Lutheran Church or Homeward Hospice.

Irene will be in our hearts forever but we know she is at peace with her Lord.

## Cemetery



## **Tribute Wall**