



Alma Langland

May 02, 1932 - March 11, 2022

Alma Louise Langland died peacefully in her Ottumwa home on March 11, 2022. She was 89 years old.

Born to parents Noah and Hattie Lanz Schrock on May 2, 1932, Alma graduated from Huron High School in 1949 before attending business school in Burlington, Iowa. She then started work as a typist at the Chittenden and Eastman company, where she transcribed letters for company salesmen. While in this position she met her future husband, Lowell V. Langland.

The two married on September 19, 1953. Their wedding was officiated by Alma's father. They then lived for almost twelve years on a beautiful little farm east of Sperry and for a time in Sioux City before settling down in Ottumwa. During these years, the two birthed and raised four children: daughter Susan and sons Jim, Tom, and John.

Always an active member of her community, Alma started working as a teacher's aide around Ottumwa in the early 1980s. She spent most of her time at James Elementary School, but also worked at Lincoln Elementary and Walsh Junior High as well as Ottumwa High School. Alma then worked as a lab technician at Moore Hearing Clinic and served in that capacity for 15 years. Despite this busy schedule, Alma still found time to earn an AA degree from Ottumwa Heights College and a bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa in 1987.

Alma was also involved in a number of civic organizations in the community. A T.T.T. member since 1975, she served in a number of leadership positions over the years, including chapter historian, secretary, and president. She was also a member of the First Lutheran Church and the Ottumwa Laureate Guild.

In her private life, Alma enjoyed baking, reading, snow skiing, and traveling. Her hobbies varied throughout her life and included needlepoint, macramé, and antiquing. She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, with whom she developed a reputation as a fierce opponent in Go Fish and a committed storybook narrator. She was a woman of a different age, and could immediately charm any room with her wit and elegance while still extolling all the stoic virtues of her Anabaptist forebears. A magnificent storyteller and prolific letter-writer, Alma always made a point to keep in close contact with family, and managed to send boxes of cookies to her grandchildren away at college at least once every year.

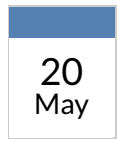
She is survived by her four children: Susan (Mike) Moore of Carroll, Jim (Cherie) Langland of Ottumwa, Tom (Penny) Langland of Oswego, IL, and John (Traci) Langland of Iowa City; ten grandchildren: Ian, Nathaniel, Jack, Tomas, Steven, Nellie, Oliver, Schyler, Brittani, and Christopher; four great-grandchildren: Charlotte, Jonathan, Amelia, and Sutton; and six siblings: Ada Banwart of Mediapolis, Lois Wiegand of Burlington, Dorothy Schrock of Burlington, Edward (Sally) Schrock of Burlington, Eleanor (Bill) Knobloch of Tremont, IL, and Janet (Lew) Beik of Burlington.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lowell, her parents; three brothers: James John, and Robert Schrock; a sister: Anna; and a granddaughter: Brooke Langland.

A time to celebrate her life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 20th at First Lutheran Church with Pastor Mark Johnson officiating. A reception with the family present to greet friends will follow in the church fellowship hall.

Memorials may be made to First Lutheran Church or Ottumwa Public Library.

Events



SERVICE

11:00 AM

First Lutheran Church
126 N. Jefferson St.,
Ottumwa, IA 52501

Tribute Wall

D

Dr Tom Davis

I am so sorry to hear of her passing! She was a wonderful lady and I always enjoyed working with her in the schools! My thoughts and prayers to her family and many friends!

L

Lynn L Skopec

I have a lifetime of memories. Our family spent many Sunday evenings with the Langlands when they lived in the country by Sperry, Iowa. I remember one Sat when my mom, Ada, decided I needed a hair permanent. They decided to do it at Alma's place and it was quite the process. My very straight hair was now quite curly. I stayed in very close contact over the years and remember visiting them in Sioux City. After they moved to Ottumwa I was a regular visitor. I think of Alma as my second mom. I would spend several weeks in Ottumwa every summer and was always made to feel welcome and special. Alma was amazing in that she never appeared busy but meals would magically appear. She was always so kind and generous. Only wonderful memories!

C

Colette Fisher

Jim and family, We were so sorry to learn your Mom passed away. We have both lost moms and know how hard this loss is. Hang on to the great memories of her and know that we are thinking of you at this time and that she is now in the greatest place of all. Mark and Colette Fisher

P

Pam Evans

I worked as an RN at ORHC and always enjoyed visiting with Alma when she was doing hearing tests on newborns. Classy, elegant lady.

B

Beth Steffen

I well can remember Alma and Ozzie when they lived on that little Sperry farm! She was always one classy lady! I remember that house and all the different levels and occasionally we stayed there for some reason-Mom must have needed a child sitter. Your Mom made some sort of sandwich filling that had some Campbell gumbo soup in it and I remember it tasted so good! Since we were on the same bus route, I well remember you older 3. John must have been born after you moved. We were so sorry to have you leave our neighborhood! You have my sincere sympathy, Beth (Wagenbach) Steffen, Congerville, IL
