



## Iona Mae Gathman

March 26, 1927 - March 25, 2019

Iona Mae Gathman, 91, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, passed away on Monday, March 25, 2019 at the Paula J. Baber Hospice Home in Fort Dodge.

Iona is survived by her daughters; Norma Erickson of Fort Dodge and Loretta Rowan (Jim) of Broomfield, CO.; her grandchildren; Annette Erickson (Scott Sorenson) of Ames, IA, Laura Erickson-Huss (Steve), and Kelly Miller, (Craig) all of Fort Dodge, IA.; 5 great grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren, 1 brother, Lee, of South Dakota and 1 sister, Rose, of West Virginia. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dale, her parents, Virgil and Dulcie Mae Walls, and her 4 half siblings, Wayne, Bradley, and Ray Plummer and Wanda (Plummer) Cundy.

Iona was born on March 26, 1927 in Esmond, South Dakota. She graduated from high school in 1945 in Iroquios, SD. She married Dale Gathman on August 15, 1945. Iona worked at various jobs during her life. She was a stenographer, many positions in retail, care aide school bus associate, and various office positions. She loved children, especially babies and always enjoyed watching her family in their activities. Iona loved her home state of South Dakota and all of her nieces and nephews. Iona's husband, Dale, was a railroad employee for 36 years. She stayed involved with her railroad family even after his death. She was active in the Union Pacific Employees Club and enjoyed the various community projects.

Visitation will be from 5:00 – 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 27th at Gunderson Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 28th at 10:30 am at First United Methodist Church in Fort Dodge. Burial will be at Restlawn Memorial Gardens in Huron, South Dakota on Friday, March 29th at 2:00 pm. Memorials in her name will be directed at the discretion of her family.

Cemetery

Events

Restlawn Memory Gardens 21453 SD-37 Huron, IA, 57350	MAR 27	Visitation	05:00PM - 07:00PM
		Gunderson Funeral Home & Cremation Services 1615 North 15th Street, Fort Dodge, IA, US, 50501	
	MAR 28	Service	10:30AM
		First United Methodist Church 127 North 10th Street, Fort Dodge, IA, US, 50501	

# Comments

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“ We just heard about Iona’s passing. Chip and I know how special she was and how much she loved her family. Please know our heartfelt sympathies to all of you.  
Chip and Danielle McElvain

**Danielle McElvain** - March 29 at 12:42 PM

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“ Loretta & Family - We are so very sorry for your loss. We hope that your many cherished memories will strengthen you in this difficult time.



**FDSH Class of '68** - March 27 at 07:30 AM

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“ Our family has so many memories of Iona and Dale Gathman --- railroad picnics, Friday night bowling, my parents hanging out with them, being together in good times and bad times.....My mother's brothers called Iona their other sister.....I know that all of her friends that have gone before were waiting for her ---  
Kent and Diane ( Udermann ) McClurg  
Gainesville, Texas

**Diane McClurg** - March 26 at 11:04 AM

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“ I remember visiting her a long time ago. She had a beagle we played with. Seems like it was not that long ago in my memory but the years have gone by. She was such a nice lady. I know she will be missed.

**Liz Shearin** - March 25 at 09:06 PM

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Iona Mae Gathman.



March 25 at 07:26 PM