



## Leona June Buffington

June 22, 1933 - April 25, 2018

Leona June Buffington, 84, of Mason City, IA died on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa.

A visitation will be held from 4-8 pm on Friday, April 27, 2018 at Fullerton Funeral Home, 123 2nd St SE, Mason City. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 am with a one hour prior visitation on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at Wesley United Methodist Church, 1405 S Pennsylvania Ave, Mason City, with Pastor Steve Hansen officiating. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Leona June Buffington was born on June 22, 1933 in Crystal Lake, Iowa, the daughter of Albert and Emma (Frederickson) Rasmussen. She attended country schools and graduated from Forest City High School. She worked in the Treasurer's office at the Winnebago County Courthouse following graduation.

On August 25, 1956, she was united in marriage to Lee Buffington in Forest City. Leona was a stay-at-home mother for many years, and later worked for Payless Cashways and Sears for many years doing bookkeeping and clerical work.

She enjoyed attending her grandchildren's many events and never missed the opportunity to be a part of their lives. Leona enjoyed traveling with Lee and

the family; taking trips to all parts of the country and continued traveling in later years. She enjoyed attending community events with her many close friends. Leona had a passion for her flowers and garden; she spent many enjoyable hours outside.

Leona's pets were a big part of her life, including: Brutus, Brownie, and Bitsy. She was a regular fixture seen walking her dogs through her neighborhood. Leona was a frequent pet-sitter for family and friends. Her sons' Boy Scouting life was very important to her, and she served as a Den Mother, and was very proud of her Eagle Scout son's and her Eagle Scout grandson's. She was close to her family and enjoyed spending time with her brother, sisters, many nieces and nephews, and the rest of her family.

Leona was deeply devoted to Wesley United Methodist Church, serving in many groups in leadership roles, church circle, women's club, leading the Golden Age group, and volunteering in the church office. She also volunteered for: Seniors & Law Enforcement Together (SALT), Kinney Pioneer Museum, Meals on Wheels and Hospice.

Those left to cherish her memory include Children: Mark (Teresa) Buffington of Mason City; Kevin (Kim) Buffington of Sioux Falls, SD and Perry (Marla) Buffington of Mason City; Grandchildren: Chad (Katie) Buffington, Jason Buffington, Matt (Lauren) Buffington, Chris Buffington, Heather (Andrew) Boelman, Justin (Alicia) Anderson, Heather Anderson, Joe (Reka) Buffington, Adam Buffington, Ben Buffington and Rebecca Buffington; Great-Grandchildren: Leila Buffington, Austin Buffington, Morgan Buffington, Hailey Buffington, Elizabeth Boelman, Remington Boelman, Colton Boelman, Ashtyn Smith and Presley Smith; Siblings: James Rasmussen, Verna (Jack) Ouverson and many beloved brothers-in law and sisters-in-law; Beloved Granddogs: Brittney, Chumlee, Lewee, Buddy and Chloe.

Leona was preceded in death by: Husband, Lee Buffington; Grandson, Blake Boelman; Parents, Albert and Emma Rasmussen; Sister and Brother-In-Law, Wilma (John) Riekema; Sister-In-Law, Winifred Rasmussen; Many beloved brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law and family

In expression of sympathy, memorials may be directed to Wesley United Methodist Church.

Fullerton Funeral Home, 123 2nd St SE, Mason City, IA 50401, 641-423-8676  
[www.Fullertonfh.com](http://www.Fullertonfh.com) [Facebook/Fullertonfuneralhomes](https://www.facebook.com/Fullertonfuneralhomes)

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

Mason City, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Fullerton Funeral Home in Mason City  
123 2nd St. SE  
Mason City, IA 50401  
(641) 423-8676  
mail@fullertonfh.com  
<https://www.fullertonfh.com>

## Visitation

APR 28. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Wesley United Methodist Church  
1405 S Pennsylvania Ave.  
Mason City, IA 50401

## Funeral Service

APR 28. 10:30 AM (CT)

Wesley United Methodist Church  
1405 S Pennsylvania Ave.  
Mason City, IA 50401



# Tribute Wall



“ *Leona June Buffington*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I worked with Leona at Sears for a few years, what a nice lady.*

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**Cindy J Renshaw** - September 06, 2018 at 03:04 PM



“ *I knew Leona from Wesley. She was a woman of great faith and grace, always interested with what was going on in other's lives. She displayed great leadership and conviction in UMW and was a friend to all, and will truly be missed.*

*Cindy Keller*

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**Cindy Keller** - May 02, 2018 at 11:32 AM

KB

“Perry, Mark, Kevin and families, Kathy and I want to extend our sympathy to all of you as you mourn the loss of Leona. She was such a gentle person, always interested in what you were doing. We always looked forward her annual Christmas Letter where she shared what was going on in her life and what was going on in the lives of her beloved boys and their families. She was so proud of all of you. We also always looked forward to visiting with her at the Buffington Reunion which she always attended and took care of the records as to who was there and the past years births, weddings and deaths. She will be missed very much. We have sent a memorial gift in her name to the Wesley UMC.

Sincerely,  
Kathy and Sid Buffington

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**Kathy and Sid Buffington** - April 30, 2018 at 10:26 PM

Any parent using children as a means of control or punitively against a grandparent is an unhealthy parent who is damaging their child.

“I am so sorry to hear about Mrs Buffington's passing. I knew her for many years and was also her neighbor for years. She always brought Christmas baked goodies over and Otis loved to have play dates with Brownie and then Brutus while we would chat in the backyard. She will be missed by many. The neighborhood won't be the same without her. Thinking of all of you. She was a wonderful lady.



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**Angie Fistler Walker** - April 30, 2018 at 10:22 PM

ER

“Leona was always a cheerful woman and I'm sure she will be missed by family. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Blessings!

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**Emily Devine, rsm** - April 28, 2018 at 08:42 PM

JP

“ So sorry to read of the passing of this lovely lady. I first met her in the 70's at Wesley Church. My two young children were attending Sunday School and Leona and I shared working with a class of 3 and 4 year old children. She was such and kind and gentle spirit. I moved away from Mason but never forgot her. My daughter and her family are still members of Wesley and I would get to see Leona when I would visit. My sincere sympathy to her family.

*Jean Pringnitz, Klemme Iowa*

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**Jean Pringnitz** - April 27, 2018 at 08:03 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Leona June Buffington.



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April 27, 2018 at 07:14 PM

DW

“ To the Buffington boys we offer our deepest sympathy for the loss of your mother. She was a great lady and devoted to her beliefs. We know she will be missed by many.

*From Te Don Wilson family in Waukee, IA.*

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**Don and Dorothy Wilson** - April 27, 2018 at 09:51 AM

FJ

“ Fred, Mary, Deb S, Lee, Chris, Paula ,Hans, James purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Leona June Buffington.



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**Fred, Mary, Deb S, Lee, Chris, Paula ,Hans, James** - April 27, 2018 at 08:13 AM

MP

“ I became acquainted with Leona through the Mason City Woman's Club of which she was a dedicated member for many years. She will certainly be missed for her kindness and guidance.

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**Mary Paulsen** - April 26, 2018 at 10:09 PM

JC

“ Leona a beautiful soul whose sense of purpose touched many. May her memory remain as a Guiding Light.

*My Love,  
Jean*

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**jean curtis** - April 26, 2018 at 08:08 PM

MK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, remember your family coming out to our farm and you three little boys paying with Barbies with my girls so many years ago your Mom and Dad were both special people.

*Marilyn Korte*

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**Marilyn Korte** - April 26, 2018 at 06:50 PM

DB

*Kevin, Perry and Mark: I am so sorry to hear of your loss of your Mom. Leona was such a wonderful Lady. She will be missed by so many. I have special memories of her and your father coming to see Ardith and me in Connecticut. Although not a blood Buffington, she took on the job of the record keeping at the yearly Buffington reunion. She was special. RIP sweet Leona. With an ache in my heart---Dave Buffington*

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**david buffington** - April 30, 2018 at 02:05 PM

JJ

*Sending our sympathy to "Leona's boys" & their families:  
Jim & I want you to know we are thinking of you as you walk this difficult journey of grieving. Your Mom was one very special lady as you well know. Jim & I would feel like the Christmas holiday had truly started once we received her Christmas letter. We loved reading all she was doing to keep active & busy & of course enjoyed reading what each of you & your families were doing. I was always amazed at the interest she took in the Buffington family. The 4th of July gathering will not be the same without her. Well done good & faithful servant!!!!  
Jim & Jane (Buffington) Isebrand*

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**Jane Isebrand** - May 03, 2018 at 01:34 PM

JC

“ *Jean Curtis purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Leona June Buffington.*



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**Jean Curtis** - April 26, 2018 at 06:34 PM