



## Rose Eleanor Phelps

February 15, 1923 - January 2, 2025

Rose Eleanor Phelps, 101, of Mason City, passed away peacefully under the care of St. Croix Hospice on Thursday, January 2, 2025 at Good Shepherd in Mason City. Arrangements are with Fullerton Funeral Home. A private family graveside service and inurnment will be held at a later date at the Rockwell Cemetery in Rockwell, IA.

Rose was born on February 15, 1923 in Portland, IA to Alva and Julia (White) Terpeney. She graduated from Mason City High School in 1940. On October 5, 1940 she was united in marriage to Orville Stoltenberg and the couple had 50 wonderful years together until his passing in 1990. Rose was then united in marriage to Wilbur Phelps in October of 1993 until his passing in 1996.

Rose spent most of her life as a homemaker caring for her five children. She also made wedding cakes, did upholstery work and took additional training at NIACC to become a home health aide. Rose volunteered for hospice for many years and was recognized as the Iowa Volunteer of the Year. She was very proud of her volunteer work and passionate about helping others.

In her free time, she enjoyed quilting, all kinds of sewing and crossword puzzles. She did a lot of gardening and canning. Rose was a member of the Hanford Community Church, Hanford Community Country Club and of the Birthday Club. She liked going for coffee with the gals she worked with.

She is survived by her son, Randy (Margie) Stoltenberg of Mason City and daughter, Julie Stoltenberg of Wichita, KS; grandchildren: Chrissy (Carl) Fair, Curtis (Jenny) Stoltenberg, Randy Timmons, Sarah Martin, Jamie Vierkant and Susan Vierkant; great-grandchildren: Haley Vega, Colin Stoltenberg and Cora Stoltenberg.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Orville and second husband, Wilbur; parents; daughter, Dixie Stoltenberg; sons, Craig Stoltenberg and David Stoltenberg; brother, Charles Terpeney and daughter-in-law, Cherlyn Stoltenberg and many other family members and friends.

# Tribute Wall

RT

“ The sweetest grandma a grandson can love u were more to me the grandma u were like a mom to me miss those days church and just come over to play cards love u and see u at the gates of heaven I'm going to make u proud

Randy Timmons - February 08 at 03:55 PM

AB

“ We were neighbors for many years, also getting together at 9a.m during the week, schedule including trying to learn Spanish from TV every day with coffee ☕ time then we either work in our gardens, play canasta, make new recipes,(Aarons Bundles) was her specialty, it's fun to remember the good days we had while raising our families Randy, Julie and David were such good kids, so were mine! I am 91 so hopefully will be together remembering the good ol' days one of these days and watching our families living their lives. Thinking of you 💕💕💕

Audrey Buff - January 24, 2025 at 04:02 PM

MR

“ So very sorry to hear of Rosie's passing. She was a wonderful neighbor and friend of our family. She not only made my wedding dress, bridesmaids dresses, but also my wedding cake...and surprised us with 2 small heart cakes as well. When we started our family 5 years later, she proclaimed "Finally! The cakes finally worked!!!" Talented lady, sweet natured and she will be missed!

Mary-Margaret A Ries - January 04, 2025 at 07:53 AM

RT

*Rosie my grandmother I love u so much ive learned a lot from her playing cards watching movie wheel of fortune when I was younger staying the nights over at her place memories will never go away tell we see u again grandma go with Jesus and help poor out the rain*

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**Randy timmons** - January 04, 2025 at 09:34 PM

SB

*I am so saddened to hear of Rosie's passing. She was such a sweet lady. I met Rosie when I met her son, Randy, and he told me that she grew up in Portland. I, also, grew up in Portland after her time in Portland so I wanted to meet her and was glad that I did. She had so many stories and history of Portland and I so enjoyed visiting with her. I wrote down a lot of her memories. I thought it would be fun, some day, to put a book together. She had attended the same country school, Portland #6, that I did. She had some fun stories about some of the things that went on in school back then. I cherish the time I spent with her. Rest in Peace, Rosie. Condolences to the family.*

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**Susan Bier** - January 07, 2025 at 09:47 AM