



## Irene E. Aikman

October 4, 1919 - April 25, 2020

\*Online broadcasting of the service will be available in the link at [pauleyjones.com](http://pauleyjones.com) \*

Irene Erma (Petersen) Aikman, the daughter of Miller and Margaret (Christensen) Petersen, was born on October 4, 1919 at her home in rural Kimballton, Iowa. She attended grade school in Kimballton. At the age of 12, Irene's father, Miller, passed away while transporting hogs. Irene and her family ended up living with her Grandparents during this time in Audubon where she would graduate high school.

She loved to visit her Aunt Rose during the summer. One time during a visit, she met this boy named Myron who went to school and was friends with some of her cousins. Myron was Irene's soulmate; the two were married in 1936. To this union, three children were born: Gene, Kenneth, and Joanne.

Irene was the rock of her family. She was a wonderful, submissive wife who worked hard with and for her family. She worked hard on the farm doing outside chores, took care of the flowers growing around their house, and she had a big garden with an awesome strawberry patch. Irene never complained and she never had a bad word to say about anyone. Although she loved keeping her flowers up and gardening, she also loved playing horseshoes with her husband. But most of all Family was the most important thing to Irene. Myron had recorded himself playing the accordion and dedicated the songs he played to his beloved wife.

Her son Gene would stop every morning and she always had a pot of coffee waiting for him while they talk when living on the farm. She also enjoyed when her grandchildren would come and share their life stories.

Her life was a true testament to her family. 34 years went by since she lost the love of her life, Myron. Irene was never a person to give up, but she had always missed her love. On Saturday, April 25, 2020, Irene went home to be with the Lord, attaining the age of 100 years. Greeting her at the gates of Heaven are her parents, her husband Myron, son Gene Aikman and his wife Shirley, son-in-law Stanley Kraan, granddaughter Kimberly Lewellyn, brother Wayne Petersen, and sister Rose Kolln. Those left to cherish her memory include her son Kenneth Aikman and his wife Beth of Quitman, Texas; daughter Joanne Madsen and her husband Dale of Clarksburg, West Virginia; honorary daughter-

in-law Charlyn Aikman of Lewisville, Texas; grandchildren Debra Janssen and her husband Curt, Terri Starns, Kristy McGrath and her husband Mike, Kevin Aikman and his wife Ronda, Tammy Powell and her husband Mike, Troy Aikman and his wife Capa, Allison Irene Jarman and her husband Todd, Jason Kraan and his wife Pamela, and Joshua Kraan and his wife Sherah; 22 great-grandchildren; 19 great-great-grandchildren; and several other family members and friends.

# Cemetery

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## Lincoln Township Cemetery

130th Street & Eagle Avenue

Gray, IA, 50110

# Events

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**APR 29** **Private Family Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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Pauley Jones Pfannebecker Funeral Home

1425 Broadway, Denison, IA, US, 51442

# Comments

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“ There's been so many conversations with Debbie and Curt that include this wonderful lady. Memories are blessings....keep them in your daily discussions. Hugs

**Doug & Bev Ramsey** - May 04 at 08:32 PM

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“ Gram you will be greatly missed I learned a lot from you. You are home now with your loving husband, son Gene & his wife Shirley, watch down over us & guide us through our tough times.



**Ronda Aikman** - April 30 at 12:48 PM

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“ We were so blessed to be Irene's pastor for many years while we were in Denison. Her name should have been "Joy" because she radiated His love in such a quiet and precious manner to all who knew her. How she loved Jesus...and how we loved her! She is rejoicing with her Lord and Savior this day....our love to the family...

Pastor Doug and Suzi Swarthout

**Doug and Suzi Swarthout** - April 29 at 11:28 AM

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“ Dale And Marcy Ehlers lit a candle in memory of Irene E. Aikman



**Dale and Marcy Ehlers** - April 28 at 09:03 PM



“ Irene was a beautiful woman inside and out. She always had a smile and a warm hug. She did her work for the Lord on Earth and now he has Welcomed her home. My sympathy to the Aikman family.

**Myrna Kolln** - April 28 at 08:16 PM

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“ For many years I would see Irene and the rest of the family at the annual family reunion she organized in Manning. She was always such a joy to visit with. Even though the annual reunion ended a few years ago, I've thought of Irene many times over the years. Hugs and love to her family.

**Barb Sahl, Cheyenne, WY** - April 28 at 06:51 PM

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“ Kevin Aikman lit a candle in memory of Irene E. Aikman



**Kevin aikman** - April 28 at 05:37 PM

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“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Irene E. Aikman.



April 28 at 11:50 AM

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“ I’ve had the pleasure of knowing Irene for about 12 years or so. She was one of the most kind, caring, patient, and loving ladies I know. We’ve shared a lot of stories each week during that time and I will truly miss her! Sending out big hugs to her family who she spoke about every week. She was so proud of you all! Her memory will live on in each of you. You have my sincerest sympathy.

**Pam Sebring** - April 28 at 09:27 AM

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“ Pam Sebring lit a candle in memory of Irene E. Aikman



**Pam Sebring** - April 28 at 09:20 AM

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“ Laurie Hansen lit a candle in memory of Irene E. Aikman



**Laurie Hansen** - April 28 at 09:14 AM



“ So sorry for your loss!

**Laurie Hansen** - April 28 at 09:15 AM

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“ Jerry Boger lit a candle in memory of Irene E. Aikman



**Jerry Boger** - April 27 at 09:44 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. Irene was such a sweet lady and had a long life leaving many loving memories to you her family. God bless you all and help you through this time of loss. We are with you in thoughts in prayer even if we can't be physically with you now.

Monica and Troy Hagedorn

**Monica Hagedorn** - April 27 at 08:45 PM

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“ I remember spending the night with Myron & Irene when I was a young girl, when my parents were on a trip. I kept waking up Irene as I was afraid, and she would very gently walk me back to my bed. Never scolding me for constantly waking her. She always had a smile on her face and a positive attitude. I never her heard her complain. My mom always called her a saint for putting up with Myron. I think my mom loved her even more than her own brothers and sisters. I will always smile when I think of Irene. She was definitely my favorite aunt.

ILA Borkowski Gilbert

**ILA Gilbert** - April 27 at 08:34 PM