



## Dorothy Irene Deam

June 21, 1929 - October 29, 2024

Dorothy Irene Deam, 95, of Sheffield, passed away Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at the Sheffield Care Center. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 2, 2024, at Woodley Funeral Home in Hampton.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Dorothy will be laid to rest at the Hampton Cemetery. Woodley Funeral Home of Hampton is caring for Dorothy and her family.

Dorothy Irene Kramer was born on June 21, 1929, to Jake and Gertie Kramer. She was lucky number 13 of 14 kids. She married Chuck Eckhardt and had her son, Mark and her daughter, Michaelyn (Mickie). They had many adventures in Alaska even before it was a state. One of her favorite stories to tell was how her and her friends kidnapped the governor of Alaska. She was known far and wide for her baking abilities. She used to bake pies to sell to the fishermen for extra money.

After returning to Iowa, Dorothy went to La James School of Cosmetology to become a beautician. She had her own salon on main street of Sheffield called The MarMic Salon (named after Mark and Mickie). After meeting her second husband, Donald Deam, she moved to the suburb of Chapin. There she owned The Rural Kurl & Boutique. Dorothy & Don had one daughter, Penny. Dorothy was a great homemaker. She was a great cook and again, baked up a storm of delicious chocolate chip cookies. Deam Manor was the

hang out for many kids. Mom said she wished she had kept track of how many dozens of cookies she made over the years.

Dorothy was a member of the Eastern Star for many years and was on the board of directors for the Sheffield Care Center. After Don passed away, Dorothy moved to Mason City and lived in a condo near her sisters Feenie, Dena and Grace. "The girls" could be found going to bingo, playing cards or finding their way to a casino. In fact, her home away from home was the casino. She was pretty lucky on the Draw Poker machines. So "lucky" that that became her nickname at Deerfield Assisted Living. She loved spending time with friends and family and was always on the go! In the good old days when she could see, she was a great bowler!

At the tender age of 90, Dorothy fell and broke her hip. She needed surgery and rehab to learn to walk again. She was "lucky" enough to live at the Sheffield Care Center where she had many local friends living and loved the kind and caring staff.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, husband Donald, son Mark, many siblings and their spouses, nieces, nephews and many, many friends.

Dorothy is survived by her daughter Michaelyn Eckhardt (Les Yaw) of Chapin; her daughter Penny Deam (Rich Reid) of Eden Prairie, MN; granddaughter Samantha Huisenga (Shannon Hardman) and their children Luke Clark, Hunter and Wyatt Michels, Jossie and Gracie Hardman; grandson Jeremy Huisenga (Jill Peterson) and their daughter Vanessa Huisenga; brother Marvin Kramer (Phyllis) of Worthington, MN; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Care Initiatives Hospice and the Alzheimer's Association.



# Cemetery Details

## Hampton Cemetery

Hampton, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hampton - Woodley Funeral Home  
306 Central Ave. East  
Hampton, IA 50441  
(641) 456-3232

## Service

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy Irene Deam



Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory - November 01, 2024 at 05:25 PM

PK

“ Aunt Dorothy. One of my favorite memories of her was a long, long, long time ago when she was a hairdresser. One day she took me to a small local dump, in which we dug through to find magazines for her customers. I loved it.. Aunt Dorothy and my mom spent many years chatting on the phone. A life well lived and loved. .

Peggy E Kramer - November 09, 2024 at 08:14 PM

LL

“ Love Your Friends: Steph and LuAnn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Irene Deam.

Love Your Friends: Steph and LuAnn - November 01, 2024 at 03:09 PM

LL

“ *Love Your Friends: Steph and LuAnn purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dorothy Irene Deam.*



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**Love Your Friends: Steph and LuAnn** - November 01, 2024 at 03:09 PM

DP

“ *Aunt Dorothy, I will miss our phone calls and laughs about silly things happening to us as we grew older. M dad (Ralph) always had something laughable to tell about you and he as you grew up! Somehow I always knew you and he were up to something! You had a fun-filled life and could always find a way to laugh your way thru each happening! You will be so missed. Rest in peace sweet aunt. xoxo Dixie Prevost*

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**Dixie Lee Prevost** - November 01, 2024 at 02:51 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Irene Deam.*

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October 31, 2024 at 08:17 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Irene Deam.*



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October 31, 2024 at 08:17 PM

CW

“ Dorothy and Don were Great Farm Neighbors. Dorothy always had a great sense of humor about life. Charlie Wearda

Charles Wearda - October 31, 2024 at 11:55 AM

CE

“ Mickey and Penny, we are very sorry to learn of your mother's passing. We have been so blessed and honored to know your mom. She was truly a beautiful lady and was one of a kind. She will be greatly missed by all of us.

Craig and Sandy Eckhardt - October 30, 2024 at 09:13 PM

CM

“ I'm gonna ☐ 🥲🥲🥲



Corina Matrious - October 30, 2024 at 08:24 PM

SB

“ Stella Butson lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Irene Deam



Stella Butson - October 30, 2024 at 07:08 PM

SB

Mickey and Penny, my thoughts are with you.

Stella Butson - October 30, 2024 at 07:12 PM

CI

“ Aunt Dorothy was very funny and aa wonderful person. She loved my dad, Jake and always tried to talk him into moving back to Iowa whenever they talked oe when she came out to visit or we were back there on vacation! Dad always told her the same thing, never moving back as it snows there and he didn't like the snow. Once when I was back there during the summer, Mickey and I took a pack of Aunt Dorothy's cigarettes and went out in the corn field to try smoking. It was awful and when we returned she was waiting for us and asked if we knew anything about them missing! It was a little scary! I had gotten hurt a few times helping baling hay, on Mark's motorcycle and a few other things. When it was time for me to leave she said "I've never been so happy to send someone home!" But she invited me back again the following year. My sister and I were there one reunion at the bingo hall with Aunt Dorothy, Aunt Feenie, Aunt Grace and Aunt Dena when a tornado warning came. We said shouldn't we leave. Aunt Dorothy said don't worry about it then yelled for them to call the next number! She was quite the character! Will miss her and I can see here with all the Aunts and Uncles up in heaven playing cards! Penny and Mickey, so sorry for your loss. I miss my mom and dad every day. Hugs and prayers for you.

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Cindy Ioli - October 30, 2024 at 01:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Irene Deam.



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October 30, 2024 at 10:36 AM

MS

“ Aunt Dorothy was a wonderfully funny and nice lady and she will be dearly missed. She lived a long vibrant life for so long, and deserves to rest in peace in heaven. I have so many memories of all our large family gatherings, and special memories of Aunt Dorothy, Aunt Grace, Aunt Dena and Aunt Feenie and their various antics! I'm so sorry I can't be at the service to help celebrate her. Hugs to Penny and Mickie for being such good support to her especially in these last years of her life.

Marilyn Sassman - October 30, 2024 at 10:19 AM



“ LuAnn Petricka lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Irene Deam



LuAnn Petricka - October 30, 2024 at 09:22 AM



Dear Penny and family,  
You have my deepest sympathy. Losing a parent is always difficult. Your Mom was an amazing lady who always strived to be positive supportive and most importantly always accepting of who you were. She gave the best hugs!!! She is now in Heaven and no longer suffering. I would love to see her again.....so I am going to try and be a better person! Rest in peace Dorothy. Love LuAnn

LuAnn Petricka - October 30, 2024 at 09:27 AM

MD

“ *Marc Dupuit purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dorothy Irene Deam.*



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**Marc Dupuit** - October 30, 2024 at 03:43 AM



“ *Donna Jewell lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Irene Deam*



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**Donna Jewell** - October 29, 2024 at 07:47 PM

BM

“ *Penny and family,  
I certainly did not know your mom well, but she was a force!  
Animated, fun, funny, and a delight to be with. She lived her life well  
and was blessed to have you for a daughter. You were her angel  
and so she lived a long, happy, wonderful life. My thoughts are with  
you as you lay her to her final resting place. She is content and  
smiling and ever so grateful. With love, Betty Marr*

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**betty Marr** - October 29, 2024 at 07:32 PM

BE

“ *Penny, you have my deepest condolences.  
Betty Etnier, mother of Kurt Hirth.*

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**Betty (Butson) Etnier** - October 29, 2024 at 06:05 PM

BE

“ Dear Dorothy, what a great lady you were with the best sense of humor and the best daughter Penny. May you rest in peace when you are joined again with your husband Don.

Becky - October 29, 2024 at 05:34 PM

TR

“ Rest in Peace, Dear Dorothy. I am honored to have met and spent time with you and your daughter, Penny.



TeraAnne Riecks - October 29, 2024 at 05:04 PM

DR

Thank you Penny for allowing us to love your Mom, Dorothy, right up today, with you.. hugs forevermore.

Deb Waychus Riecks - October 29, 2024 at 07:27 PM

JV

“ Jodi Vosburgh lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Irene Deam



Jodi Vosburgh - October 29, 2024 at 04:27 PM

JV

“ Dorothy it has been a wonderful journey getting to know you and care for you and your loving family...I will miss you dearly 🥺 may you rip and enjoy your next chapter 😊

Jodi Vosburgh - October 29, 2024 at 04:26 PM