



Dorothy Lou Nelsen

September 9, 1949 - December 30, 2025

Dorothy Nelson, 76, of Dumont, died Tuesday, December 30, 2025, at Franklin General Hospital, Hampton. Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Monday, January 5, at Trinity Reformed Church Allison, burial will be at the Dumont Cemetery. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory, Dumont is caring for Dorothy and her family. Visitation will be Sunday, 3:00 - 5:00 pm at Trinity Reformed Church, Allison.

Dorothy Lou Nelsen was born September 9, 1949, in Hampton, daughter of Merle Nelsen and Marjorie Ubben. She attended school in Hansell and graduated from Hampton High School. She then earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa in Social Work. She later returned to school and became an RN. She worked at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines for more than twenty years.

Dorothy attended Trinity Reformed Church in Allison, she enjoyed spending time with her nieces and growing flowers in her garden. She was an avid Hawkeye fan and enjoyed cross stitching.

Family includes her sister: Bridget (Dalen) Meyer, Dumont; sister-in-law: Pam Stewart-Coburn, Lodi, CA; nieces: Holly, Heidi, Lauren & Tiffany; several great nieces and nephews.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her parents, Merle Nelsen and Marjorie Ubben, step-father, Russell Durand, and brother Merlyn Nelsen.

Cemetery Details

Dumont Cemetery

N Elm Street
Dumont, IA 50625

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Reformed Church
614 Cherry Street
Allison, IA 50602

Funeral service

JAN 5. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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614 Cherry Street
Allison, IA 50602

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dorf, so sorry you are gone from our lives, but you live on in our many memories, especially from South 4. You have been a wonderful friend and will be missed. May you rest I peace.*

Nickie Colacino - April 19 at 01:18 PM

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“ *I was a high school classmate of Dorothy's and also a roommate at Ellsworth College. We had a lot of great times together at Ellsworth College. This is when she got the nickname of 'Dorf'. May God be with her family and friends during this difficult time.*

Geraldine (Paulsen) Cyr

Geraldine Paulsen Cyr - January 04 at 09:16 PM

KH

“ *I will really miss Dorothy. She was a sweet friend. I loved talking with her at church. She had a great sense of humor & gave the best hugs❤️ Love & prayers, Bridget and family*

Kelly Henrichs - January 04 at 01:56 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Lou Nelsen.*



January 01 at 01:38 PM

JE

“ *Dorothy was like a sister to me. My mom babysat for Merlin and Dorothy when asked by her parents! We were Hansell kids!!! She had always been the sweetest person in my life! See you again on one fine day!*

Jolyne (Boelkes) Edwards - January 01 at 11:51 AM

VN

“ *Bridget, Tiffany and family, so sorry to hear about Dorothy. What a great lady!! She will surely be missed! Hugs to All!!*



Vickie Naber - December 31, 2025 at 07:53 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy Lou Nelsen.*



December 31, 2025 at 04:41 PM

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“ *Heidi, Holly & Pam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Lou Nelsen.*

Heidi, Holly & Pam - December 31, 2025 at 04:41 PM