



## Fannie Mae Rover

May 12, 1929 - January 5, 2023

Fannie Mae Rover, 93, of Hampton, passed away Thursday, January 5, 2023, at the Rehabilitation Center of Hampton. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 12, 2023, at Counsell Woodley Funeral Home in Hampton. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 13, 2023, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hampton. Burial will take place in the North Vilmar Cemetery in rural Greene. Counsell Woodley Funeral Home of Hampton is caring for Fannie Mae and her family.

Fannie Mae was born May 12, 1929, at German Township in Grundy County, Iowa, daughter of George and Anne (Buenting) Flessner. She graduated from Greene High School. On October 12, 1947, Fannie Mae was united in marriage to Donald John Rover in Nora Springs. To this union, four children were born.

She worked as a school food service kitchen manager for many years. Fannie Mae was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hampton, where she was also active in the church circle. She was a member of a 500 card club and quilting group, the Northern Iowa Happy Sams Camping group and volunteered at county, state and federal elections.

Fannie Mae was very family-oriented. Her children and grandchildren were so important to her, never missing an activity they were involved in. She also

enjoyed spending winters in Texas with Don for many years.

Fannie Mae is survived by her son Gary Rover of Klamath Falls, Oregon; daughter Debra Rover of Jacksonville, Florida; son Craig (Diane) Rover of Ames, Iowa; ten grandchildren; nineteen great grandchildren; nine great-great grandchildren; daughter-in-law Betty Rover of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Donald Rover, son Wayne Rover, siblings Arnold Flessner, Eileen Ender, Henry Flessner, Joann Feltz and George Flessner.

# Cemetery Details

## North Vilmar Cemetery

C23 / 150th Street  
Greene, IA 50636

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
17 2nd St NE  
Hampton, IA 50441

# Tribute Wall

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“ My earliest memories from visiting Grandma are of camping at and attending Blue grass festivals, playing with their dog Ginger, and eating her famous freshly baked sugar cookies. One of my fondest memories is when she and Grandpa attended my high school graduation. They drove out to Oregon to join in the celebration. I was too young to know just how big of a deal that was, but I can appreciate now what a special trip it was. We always lived far away and that meant any time together was shorter, but she made the most of anytime we could spend together. As I got older, she would continue making her sugar cookies remembering that they were my favorite and send more than a few home with me on my way out. When Grandma's own Mom was in a nursing home, I remember us traveling to see Annie together. I always marveled that she and George (Grandma's Dad) had come over from Germany in their lifetimes and I had met them both. When Grandma would speak of her childhood she would always get that mischievous glimmer in her eyes. She was old fashioned, generous, and full of love. The last few times I visited Grandma were with my brother Chad and his family. Grandma's love for grandchildren certainly was alive and well as she made sure she reveled in learning everyone's name and visiting with everyone. "Now, which one are you?" She would say and each great grandkids or great great grandkids would introduce themselves. We played in the park in Hampton or outside her home. Even as her kitchen got smaller over the years she made sure to make everyone who came by feel welcome with some small treat or a warm meal. My Grandma Fannie Mae was a lovely lady and I will miss her. Jeremy Rover, grandson

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Gary L Rover - January 16, 2023 at 04:02 PM

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“ As I grew up, my family lived on farms near Dougherty, Marble Rock, Floyd and Greene. My brother Wayne was 2 years younger, Debra 7 and Craig 12 years. I remember, for kindergarten classes in the fire station and sliding down the fire escape chute in grade school. When about 10 years old we lived between Floyd and Rudd with pigeons to catch and raise from the barn, straw bales around the house in the winter to insulate, and playing baseball in the summer. When about 13 we moved to a farm near Greene and suddenly Wayne and I had chores. We lived in a huge 3 story, 19 room house with plenty of hiding places and adventures for a kid. There was a creek in the pasture for fishing, rafting and exploring fun. At 16 we moved into town at Rockford. I graduated from RSH in 1967 and began college . Wayne joined the navy and in 1969 the family moved to Hampton. I came home weekends from Iowa State and worked pumping gas at Marv's Standard. Without farm work and 2 less kids at home Mom began working as a cook at the local schools. Dad started working County Garage maintenance. I moved to Oregon in 1972 and worked Air Force Civil Service Recreation. My family with 2 new grandsons usually made a yearly vacation trip to Hampton. Mom normally invited us to lunch at her school workplaces and we sometimes timed it for the large family reunions on either the Rover or Flessner side. As years passed Mom and Dad joined camping clubs, went to blue grass festivals, and wintered in an rv park near the Alamo Texas with Duane and JoAnn Feltz. More recently when I visited Mom would take me to the Senior Center for lunch, bingo, and musical gatherings. Of course she would make countless introductions. Now that she is gone, no more camping in the basement, prompting her with name tags as a gag, or enjoying the warmth of family get together. Son, Gary Rover.

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Gary L Rover - January 16, 2023 at 03:03 PM

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“ When I started cleaning for Fanny she was always a delight to see she always had a beautiful smile on her face and was always happy to see me And had a big hug for me we had a lot of laughs think a lot of her we know she’s happy keep that beautiful smile Fannie Mae now you’re with Don your friend Vicki Miller

Vicki Miller - January 12, 2023 at 05:46 PM

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“ Fannie May was a joy and a light to me, as a fellow circle member, church member, and friend... encouraging me as a young mom.

Kristin Peterson - January 12, 2023 at 10:34 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Fannie Mae Rover.



January 11, 2023 at 07:07 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Fannie Mae Rover.



January 10, 2023 at 12:57 PM

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“ Debra, Betty and Wayne Rover purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Fannie Mae Rover.



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**Debra, Betty and Wayne Rover** - January 09, 2023 at 01:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Fannie Mae Rover.



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January 08, 2023 at 10:16 PM

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“ What a dear and precious lady, 60 years ago she took me under her wing and picked me and our little girl up and took us to circle. When Gary and I moved to the country she wanted to come out and pick me up for circle. This picture in her obituary looks just like her mom. I know her pain is gone she is now set free from any ailments , may she rest in God's arms. Holding her family up to Our Lord in prayer asking for peace for her family. donna dunlap

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**DONNA DUNLAP** - January 07, 2023 at 08:05 PM