



Joan Menken

August 28, 2025

Joan Menken, 89, passed away on August 28, 2025 in Charles City. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m., Friday, September 5, at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Greene with burial at Rose Hill Cemetery, Greene. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory, Greene is caring for Joan. Visitation will be 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Friday, at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Greene.

Joan Kay Norman was born the daughter of Albert & Caroline (Heins) Norman in Geneva, IA on November 20, 1935. She was baptized at Hampton Trinity Lutheran Church on March 29, 1936. The family bought a farm and moved Northeast of Riceville, IA.

Joan attended grade school at a country school, Saratoga #3 until 8th grade. She graduated from Riceville High School 1953 and attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls and graduated in 1955. She began her teaching career as a 4th grade teacher in Greene. It was here that she met and married James Everett Menken and they were married August 18th, 1956.

To this union was born a daughter Tamela Ann and 2 sons Troy James and Tory Jay.

Joan enjoyed her St Peters Lutheran Church teaching Bible school, holding

various church offices and enjoyed being a Luther League sponsor with her husband, Jim for many years. Through her many years of teaching one quote stood out, “ A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, The sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove, but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a Child”.

She is preceded in death by her parents, siblings, and her husband, Jim of 61 years.

She is survived by her daughter Tami (Frank) Abben, and her sons, Troy (Margo) Menken and Tory (Kim) Menken, 12 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery - Greene

11381 Lodge Ave
Greene, IA 50636

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter Lutheran Church
324 E Traer Street
Greene, IA 50636

Funeral service

SEP 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter Lutheran Church
324 E Traer Street
Greene, IA 50636

Tribute Wall



“ Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory created a Joan Menken Funeral Live Stream in memory of Joan Menken



Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory - September 05, 2025 at 10:27 AM

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“ Mike Graf planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Menken.

Mike Graf - September 03, 2025 at 11:24 PM

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“ Mike Graf purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joan Menken.



Mike Graf - September 03, 2025 at 11:24 PM



“ "Loved and Missed Everyday" Memorial Garden Stone – Remembrance Gift for Loss of Loved One was purchased for the family of Joan Menken.



September 03, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joan Menken.*



September 03, 2025 at 10:19 AM



“ *Mrs. Menken was my first grade teacher at Marble Rock. She is and will always be my favorite teacher. She touched a lot of hearts. My condolences to the family.*

Sarah Winters - September 03, 2025 at 12:43 AM



“ *Mrs. Mencken was my first grade teacher and I loved her so much. She was so motherly! I'll never forget how kind she was. I won't be able to get to her visitation. My sympathy to Tammy, Troy, Tory and grandchildren. 💕 Kathy Wust*

kathy burman - September 02, 2025 at 06:12 PM



“ *The Graven Families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joan Menken.*



The Graven Families - September 02, 2025 at 05:36 PM

JK

“ One of my favorite memories was going very early in the morning, before school started, to Mrs. Menken's house. She made us breakfast and we all watched the TV with wonder as the USA Space Shuttle launched into flight. She was a great teacher & made a difference to this (then) child.



Jan (Steere) Konig - September 02, 2025 at 05:21 PM

CD

“ I had Mrs. Menken as my first grade teacher in Marble Rock. I loved her as my teacher! Will always remember learning about history and she had fun activities to do.

Cindy Noss Davidson

Cindy Davidson - September 02, 2025 at 05:16 PM