



## Florence Kokenge

December 24, 1923 - August 6, 2019

Florence “Flossie” Marie Kokenge, age 95, of Carroll died on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at Regency Park Nursing Home in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, August 10, 2019 at St. John Paul II Parish, Holy Spirit Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Kevin Richter. Music will be by Dr. Franklyn Busby, Pastoral Musician, and the Holy Spirit Resurrection Choir. The Lector will be Megan Alvarado. Gift Bearers will be Jodi Jorgensen, Jackie Adkins, and Jennifer Kokenge. Eucharistic Minister will be Joan Badding. Casket Bearers will be Tommy Kokenge, Rick Siepker, Jeremy Tunning, Cory Tunning, Nick Kokenge, Andrew Fasbender, Blaise Hass, Kobe Hass, and Jacob Maasen. Honorary Casket Bearers will be Tyler Kokenge, Keith Kokenge, Cory Kokenge, Joe Kokenge, and Brandon Maasen. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 4 p.m. on Friday where there will be a Rosary prayed at 5 p.m., and a Christian Wake Service will be held at 7 p.m.

The casket will be moved to Holy Spirit Church on Saturday morning where visitation will resume from 8:45 a.m. until the time of the funeral mass at 9:30 a.m.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Florence's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Born December 24, 1923 at Roselle, Iowa, Florence was the daughter of Joseph and Josephine (Haberl) Steffes. Florence grew up on a farm near Roselle and attended school in Roselle at Holy Angels School. On February 9, 1943, Florence married Lawrence Kokenge, her husband of 54 years, at Holy Angels Catholic Church in Roselle, Iowa. The couple made their home in Auburn and Adair before settling in Carroll.

Flossie cherished her time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was an inspiring role model to her ten kids and a great homemaker. She loved to bake and enjoyed playing cards, the piano, and writing poetry. She loved her cats and drinking coffee on her porch on Saturday mornings with her many friends and family.

Florence is survived by her children: Nancy (Bruce) Graff of Henderson, Nevada; David (Mary) Kokenge of Eloy, Arizona; Joni (Les) Olson of Orlando, Florida; Connie (Dick) Tunning of Dedham, Iowa; Danny (Laura) Kokenge of Milford, Ohio; Deanna (Riley) Fasbender of Mesa, Arizona; Luwana Hass (Mike Ross) of Carroll, Iowa; and Kristy (Brad) Maasen of Mt. Carmel, Iowa; two daughters-in-law: Gayle Kokenge of Carroll, and Bobbie Kokenge of Carroll; 25 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Bernice Irlmeier of Templeton and Coletta (Tootie) Wernimont of Fonda, Iowa; and a sister-in-law, Dixie Steffes of New Hampton, Iowa.

Florence was preceded in death by her husband Lawrence Kokenge in 1997; two sons, Jerry Kokenge in 2012 and Kenny Kokenge in 2009; two grandsons, Dave Siepker and Josh Tunning both in 2006; and siblings Hilda

Schroeder, Lucille (Bay) Galloway, Irene (Leo) Ertz, Elizabeth (Florian)  
Wittrock, Lawrence (Darlene) Steffes, and Norbert Steffes.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Florence Kokenge.*



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August 09, 2019 at 02:01 PM



“ *J,G,C,A,M,M,J,H The Alvarado Family purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Florence Kokenge.*



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**J,G,C,A,M,M,J,H The Alvarado Family** - August 08, 2019 at 12:10 PM



“ *A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts, through us, they live on. Our condolences on the loss of your mom.*  
*Petra and Steve*

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**Petra König** - August 07, 2019 at 08:42 PM



“ *May your memories comfort you during this difficult time. A Mother is a one who takes the place of many, but whose place can not be taken. Sending sympathies and prayers your way.*  
*Lyn Knobbe-Krause*

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**Lyn Knobbe - Krause** - August 07, 2019 at 07:40 PM

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“ *TIMET Henderson purchased the Peace Eternal Wreath for the family of Florence Kokenge.*



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**TIMET Henderson** - August 07, 2019 at 07:19 PM

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“ *So sorry for your loss. Your family is in our prayers. Bill and Pat (Wittrock) Stammerman*

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**Pat Stammerman** - August 07, 2019 at 07:08 PM



“ *Kristy your Mom was such a very special person. She always had that beautiful smile on her face. She will always have that smile looking down on you and your family from heaven. Thinking of you and your family. Larry and Cheryl Cruchelow.*

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**Cheryl Cruchelow** - August 07, 2019 at 05:42 PM

KP

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with you. It is always hard when it is our mom. I have many happy memories of birthday parties & fun times at the Kokenge house. May she rest in peace. She will live on in your head & your heart.*

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**KRISTI PUDENZ** - August 07, 2019 at 05:06 PM

HB

“ *What a long life! I pray your fond memories with her fill the void of her going to heaven- comfort to you and your family.*

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**Hector Bertran** - August 07, 2019 at 04:22 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Florence Kokenge.*



August 07, 2019 at 04:04 PM



“ *Joanie, I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother.*  
*Christy Lofye*

**Christy Lofye** - August 07, 2019 at 01:58 PM



“ *Tootie Wernimont and her children. purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Florence Kokenge.*



**Tootie Wernimont and her children.** - August 07, 2019 at 10:45 AM

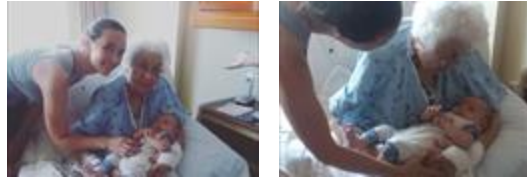


“ *Florence was such a fun loving, classy lady. Always smiling and laughing. She will be missed. Love the “Kokenge Family”! ❤️❤️❤️*

**Terry & Diane Jensen** - August 07, 2019 at 08:48 AM



“ *Sending our love to you in Heaven!* ”



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**Jamie Leckband** - August 07, 2019 at 08:03 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Florence Kokenge.* ”



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August 06, 2019 at 10:17 PM



“ *Kristie, so sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. I'll be thinking about you and your family during this difficult time.* ”

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**Deb Kaminitz** - August 06, 2019 at 09:41 PM



“ *Kristy, So sorry for the loss of your Mom. Our prayer are with you and your family.  
Diane and Zach* ”



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**Diane Campbell** - August 06, 2019 at 07:23 PM

JM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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Joan Mohr - August 06, 2019 at 02:21 PM

JM

“ My favorite memory of Aunt Flossie! I dropped Mom (Tootie) off for a visit and I came back to them laughing and drinking wine! So sorry we didn't get down more recently but so enjoyed our visits. She was a peach. Our sympathies to all her children.



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Joan Mohr - August 06, 2019 at 02:18 PM