

Mary Ella Grage, the daughter of John M. and Olga (Rasmussen) Christensen, was born on October 11, 1936, at home in Astor, Iowa. She graduated from Manilla High School. On July 9, 1954, Mary was united in marriage to Rolland K. Grage at the Manilla Lutheran Church. Mary worked as a school cook in Emmetsburg. She enjoyed flowers, crocheting, cooking, and baking Christmas cookies and homemade pies. Mary was an excellent cook! Her family and home were the most important parts of her life. Mary loved to decorate her home for every holiday, even when she was in the nursing home. She especially enjoyed Christmas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rolland; daughter Cheryl; son, Paul; parents, John and Olga Christensen; and her siblings and spouses, John Christensen, Joyce (Fritz) Dobbs, Beverly (Harold) Olson, Harvey (Dee) Christensen.

Left to cherish memories of Mary are her children, Karen (Ken) Soenen of Rockwell City and Rolland "Butch" (Helen) Grage of Perry; seven grandchildren; Ann Zehner (Dave), John Soenen (Beth), Matt Soenen (Nicole), Will Grage, Elizabeth, Deianeira and Arieanna Grage; and eight great grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the Staff of Accura Healthcare, Gentiva Hospice, and Dr. Julia Richardson for their kindness and care of Mary.

The family would like to thank you for your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy and invite you to a time of fellowship and luncheon at St. Paul's Lutheran Church following the service at the cemetery.

In Loving Memory of Mary Ella Grage

October 11, 1936

Astor, Iowa

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August 24, 2026

Lake City, Iowa

FUNERAL SERVICE

2:00 PM Saturday, August 29, 2026

Martin Mattice Funeral Home

Emmetsburg, Iowa

Pastor Paul Schulz ~ Officiant

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Ann Zehner ~ Elizabeth Grage

Deianeira Grage ~ Arieanna Grage

CASKET BEARERS

John Soenen ~ Matt Soenen

Will Grage ~ Jackson Arana

Carter Soenen ~ Miles Soenen

INTERMENT

Evergreen Cemetery

Emmetsburg, Iowa

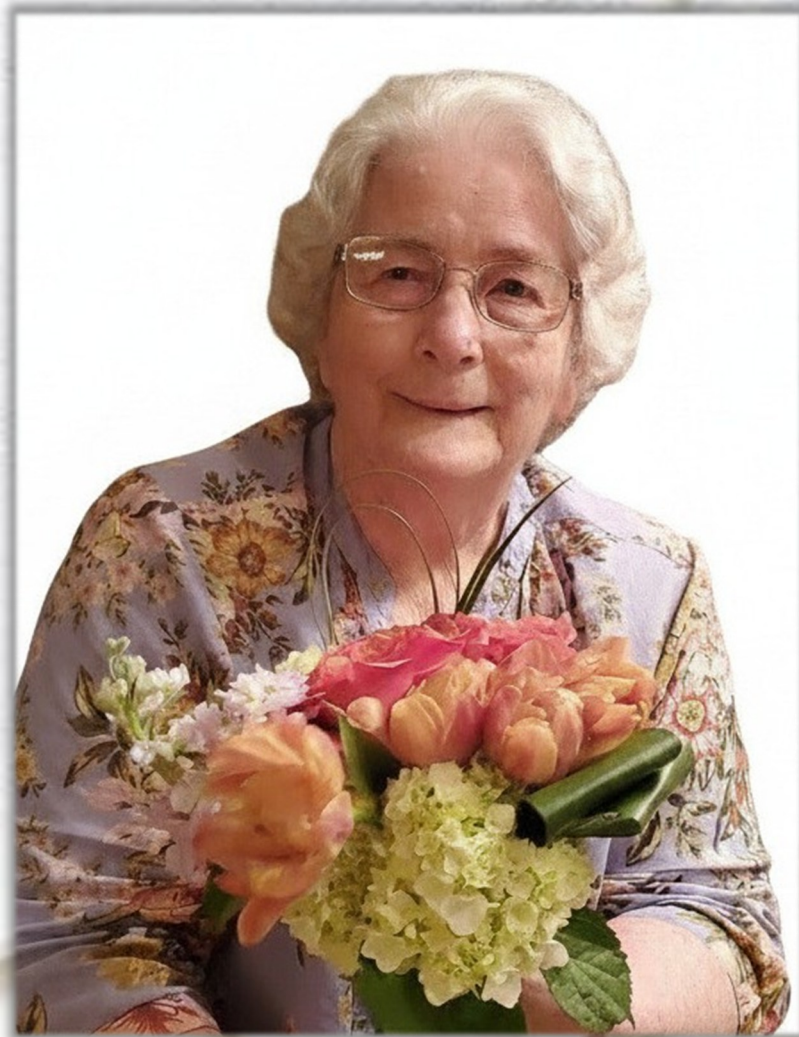
In Loving Memory

*She looks well to the ways of
her household
And does not eat the bread of
idleness.*

*Her children rise up and call
her blessed;*

*Her husband also, and he
praises her.*

Proverbs 31:27-28



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