



## Anna Lorraine Marsh

January 7, 1921 - February 15, 2020

Anna Lorraine (Pierce) Marsh, 99, passed from this life Saturday, February 15, 2020, at Hospice of North Iowa, from complications of a stroke.

A funeral service will be held at Wednesday, February 19 at 11:00 am at Old Stone United Methodist Church, 1 Jackson St, Rock Falls, IA, with Pastor Sue Simmons Officiating.

Burial will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery in Greene, IA.

Visitation will be from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at Hogan-Bremer-Moore Colonial Chapel, 126 3rd St NE, Mason City, IA.

In lieu of customary remembrances, memorials may be directed towards the Old Stone United Methodist Church in Rock Falls, IA.

On January 7, 1921, Ann was born in a farmhouse in Lewis, Iowa, to Albert and Alma (Kosak) Pierce. In 1928, Ann, her six siblings, parents, and their family dog Jack, climbed into a camper built by her father on the back of a truck, and moved south. When they reached Bellefonte, Arkansas, their truck broke down. While it was being repaired, the local residents provided food, housing, and invited them to church. The Pierces were so impressed with the town's hospitality that they decided to purchase a small farm, and stay.

Ann graduated in 1938 from Bellefonte High School, then headed back to Iowa to help in her aunt's restaurant. She later worked in Des Moines, where she met her husband, Dale Marsh. They married in 1942 and moved to Sweetwater, Texas where Dale was a flight instructor and a pilot during the war; Ann was now a military wife. In 1947, war years behind them, Ann and Dale settled on a farm near Dougherty, Iowa.

For nearly 40 years, Ann thoroughly enjoyed her life on the farm. She raised chickens, vegetables, milked a cow, and was the chief wildlife control officer for the farm. Ann would lay on the ground patiently with her 22 rifle aimed just above a gopher hole, and let's just

say she was a pretty good shot. Ann was an expert at making “something from nothing”, and could fix just about anything, be it a fence, toaster, or torn pants knee. She even built a playhouse/shed for the kids, complete with shingles.

In 1964, Ann began work as a bookkeeper for the Farmers’ Coop in Dougherty. For 17 years she enjoyed the work, the customers, and especially handing out suckers to the kids! After she retired, she and Dale moved to an acreage near Mason City. In this phase of her life, she embraced, and was embraced by many friends and neighbors, especially in the Rock Falls area. The Old Stone Church family warmly welcomed her, and it became a very important part of her life. It was difficult to find Ann at home. She always said she was not going to “moss over”, and she definitely did not. Ann had fun playing 500 with multiple card clubs, volunteered, shopped the garage sales, and enjoyed many trips and activities with friends. Ann loved music. When she was young she was often called upon to sing at local events. She played the piano by ear, often in a rollicking style to delight her audience. Her grandchildren, especially those lucky enough to live nearby, have many memories with a very fun grandmother. Kite flying, dress-up, piano-playing, picking strawberries, board games, scooter and bicycle riding. If it was fun, Grandma was game. Even ditch burning, lawn mowing and gardening were great fun with Grandma.

Ann loved her family, and her family loved her. The love she left will be forever in the hearts of those who survive her, who are son Mitchell Marsh, Dougherty; daughters Janice (George) Elias of Appleton, WI, and Jill (Steve) Weiner of Mason City; Grandchildren Jeffrey (Angela) Elias, Jessica (Don) Goggin, Julie (Joe) Slyzelia, Jodi (Sam) Hogerton, Amanda (Jason) Hunt, Abigail (Andy Blaisdell) Weiner, Lucas (Melissa) Weiner, and Alanna (Todd) Engels; Great Grandchildren Aidan, Allison, Savannah, Vincent, Vivian, Felix, Beatrix, Elias, Lauren, Preston, Ethan, Kathryn, Gretta, Casey, Jocelyn, Cecilia, Anna Jane, Lillian, Evelyn, Eleanor; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Dale E Marsh, her parents, Bert and Alma, and siblings Ed, Paul Franz, Bert, Esther, Lois, and Talbot.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Rose Hill Cemetery**

Greene, IA,

**FEB  
18**

**Visitation**

04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapel

126 Third Street Northeast, Mason City, IA, US, 50401

**FEB  
19**

**Funeral Service**

11:00AM

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Rock Falls Old Stone United Methodist Church

1 Jackson Street, Rock Falls, IA, US

# Comments

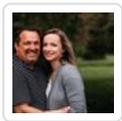
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“ What a grand lady, the last of the Pierce family. She led a long, productive quality life and was loved by all of her family. I have many wonderful memories of our get-togethers at the Marsh farm in Iowa and the Brown farm in Arkansas. There was a lot of laughter, kindness, and kinship there, and Aunt Ann was in the middle of it all. Cooking Thanksgiving dinner in her kitchen and all of us gathered around tables, enjoying the moment while Ann and my mom (her sister) tried to figure out how to make a hat out of pheasant feathers! Her kind visits to my Mom during her later years in St. Louis are also very much appreciated. We are all better human beings because we knew her and she touched our lives. Rest in peace, Aunt Ann, and may you have the grandest reunion with your family in heaven. Those of us whom you left behind will always remember you with fondness.

Lynn Brown (nephew, son of Lois Pierce Brown)

Lynn Brown - February 18, 2020 at 08:19 PM



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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Anna Lorraine Marsh.



February 18, 2020 at 01:53 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Anna Lorraine Marsh.



February 17, 2020 at 06:52 PM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anna Lorraine Marsh.



February 17, 2020 at 05:43 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anna Lorraine Marsh.



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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Anna Lorraine Marsh.



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