



## Edna Christene Bell

June 20, 1933 - April 29, 2017

Edna Christene Bell, 83, of Ottumwa, Iowa and former resident of rural Bloomfield, Iowa passed away April 29, 2017 at the Hospice House in Ottumwa. She was born June 20, 1933 in Union Township in Davis County, Iowa to Ira Ellison and Grace Ellen Thomas Reisch. She married Robert Bell on June 10, 1951 in Davis County, Iowa. He passed away on May 24, 2013. Christene worked as secretary of plant operations at the Ottumwa Hospital for 32 years. She was a member of Christ's Church in Ottumwa.

Christene loved all kinds of music, especially Blue Grass. She could play the piano, guitar, and banjo and would often do so for her family. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, growing flowers, and spending time with her family. She also enjoyed helping older folks in the community, often times at her own expense. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by a son, Donald (Joy) Bell of Bloomfield; three daughters, Linda Hawkins of Fort Madison, Iowa, Shari (Dave) Rupe, Rose (Charles) Bean both of Ottumwa; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ruth Hewitt, Alta (Larry) Swindler both of Bloomfield; and several nieces and nephews, six of whom she considered her honorary children, Kathy, Kenny, Roy Gene, Richard, Jim, and John.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Robert Lee Bell;

and a sister, Beulah Marie Reisch.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastor Dan Smith officiating. Burial will be at the IOOF Cemetery in Bloomfield. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday with the family present to greet friends from 6-8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. A memorial has been established to Christ's Church in Ottumwa.

# Cemetery Details

## IOOF Cemetery

620 North Madison Street  
Bloomfield, IA 52537

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 2. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home  
304 West Jefferson Street  
Bloomfield, IA 52537  
(641) 664-3421  
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

MAY 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Services

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MAY 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Edna Christene Bell*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of this wonderful lady. She was a strong woman who raised up a wonderful family in the hard times of the late 50's and the turbulent 60's. She was a good friend to my mother, and I remember so many times hearing the laughter and enjoyment of the adults on a Friday evening as they enjoyed each other's company, while we kids played outdoors. These were the days.... Blessings.....*

**Thomas Upton** - May 05, 2017 at 07:47 PM



“ *Christene and Bob lived not to far from my family and I for Years, an they went to the Chruch I was going to.*



**Barbie Meredith** - May 05, 2017 at 06:54 PM



“ *Barbie Meredith sent a virtual gift in memory of Edna Christene Bell*



**Barbie Meredith** - May 05, 2017 at 06:46 PM

JF

“ Joy Foster lit a candle in memory of Edna Christene Bell



joy foster - May 01, 2017 at 10:36 PM

JF

Grandma I will miss all the talks we had, working in garden together berry picking your sweet potatoes all the help you gave me our family time together you will always be in my heart

joy foster - May 01, 2017 at 10:42 PM

DD

“ Donna Daugherty lit a candle in memory of Edna Christene Bell



Donna Daugherty - May 01, 2017 at 06:31 PM

JD

“ Aunt christene will be missed and loved by everyone. Her and I always talked about aunt Gladys and how she cared so much about me. James Daugherty



James Daugherty - May 01, 2017 at 06:30 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Edna Christene Bell.*



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May 01, 2017 at 05:09 PM