



## Rosalie Elaine Hughes

May 12, 1938 - September 19, 2025

Rosalie Elaine Hughes, age 87, of Knoxville, Iowa, passed away Friday, September 19, 2025, surrounded by her loved ones, at Westridge Specialty Care in Knoxville, Iowa.

Rosalie was born on May 12, 1938, to John Elwood and Irene (DeLong) Stafford, in Monroe County, on their family farm. She grew up attending school in Albia and graduated from Albia High School. She was united in marriage to Hawthorne "Ted" Hughes.

Rosalie owned a Sears store in Albia, Iowa and another in Virden, Illinois. Later she owned and operated the Junction Restaurant in Moravia, Iowa. She ended her working career at Hy-Vee in Centerville, Iowa. Outside of work Rosalie had a passion for genealogy and enjoyed scrapbooking. Over the years Rosalie dedicated a lot of time to the Eslinger Cemetery in Monroe County, Iowa. Rosalie found great joy in her great grandchildren and all their events.

Rosalie is survived by her daughter, Sandra (Gary) Lewis of Knoxville; 3 grandchildren, Bryan (Katie) McDanel of Monroe, Amanda (Gabe) Green of Polk City, and Jason (Taylor) Wagaman of Ankeny; 7 great grandchildren, Jeffery, Ellen, Liam, London, Levi, Jude, and Jovi; a brother Jeffrey (Jean) Stafford of Shreveport, LA; and a sister Karen Carter of Windsor Heights.

Rosalie is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Hawthorne "Ted" Hughes; her parents, Elwood and Irene Stafford; 2 brothers, Philip and Tom Stafford; and a sister in infancy, Priscilla Ann Stafford.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Rosalie's family present to greet family and friends. Following visitation, a procession will leave the Tharp Funeral Home and travel to Eslinger Cemetery in Monroe County for graveside services, with Pastor Rayl Robbins officiating.

A memorial has been established to Eslinger Cemetery in Monroe County.

# Cemetery Details

## Eslinger Cemetery

Albia, IA 52531

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## Graveside Service

SEP 24. 11:30 AM (CT)

Eslinger Cemetery  
Albia, IA 52531

# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rosalie Elaine Hughes.

September 23, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rosalie Elaine Hughes.



September 23, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rosalie Elaine Hughes.



September 23, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ Jeff, Julie and Isabel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosalie Elaine Hughes.

Jeff, Julie and Isabel - September 22, 2025 at 06:09 PM

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“ *Jeff, Julie and Isabel purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rosalie Elaine Hughes.*



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**Jeff, Julie and Isabel** - September 22, 2025 at 06:09 PM