



## Ina P. Gemelke

March 25, 1932 - December 24, 2021

STANTON -- Funeral service for Ina P. Gemelke, 89, of Stanton, will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, December 30, 2021 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Rev. Bridget Gately will be officiating. Interment will be held at the Stanton Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00-7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 29, also at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Ina passed away on Friday, December 24, 2021 at the St. Joseph's Rehabilitation and Care Center in Norfolk with her family by her side. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Ina was born on March 25, 1932 to Albert and Eva (Frank) Smith in rural Stanton, Nebraska. She attended grade school in Stanton and Stanton High School. She married Wilbur D. Gemelke on Dec. 22, 1951, at the United Methodist Parsonage in Stanton. The couple worked at the Norfolk Regional Center, and she was employed as a psychiatric technician II from 1957 until she retired in 1992. Ina and her husband worked the same schedule and shift at the Norfolk Regional Center until the day that they both retired from there. Ina enjoyed spending time and doing things with her family. Her family was her whole world. She enjoyed word search puzzles, bingo, Yahtzee, baking and cooking for her family and friends and Sunday afternoon drives through the country. When her girls were young, she often made them paper dolls. She was a member of the United Methodist Church, Stanton, Faith Circle United Methodist Women, Stanton V.F.W. Auxiliary 3602, and Friends of the

Stanton Public Library.

Ina is survived by her two daughters, Laura and Terry Hess of Stanton, Cindy Retzlaff of Manhattan, Kan.; five grandchildren, Keri (Dan) Smith of Lincoln, Kory (Robyn) Hess of Norfolk, Kody (Brooke) Hess of Lincoln and Jeremy DeWitt of Norfolk and Justin DeWitt of Stanton; 12 great-grandchildren, Cadence and Nicole Hess, Haley, Maya, Kaleb, and Adrian Hess, Jaid and Joe DeWitt, Timothy DeWitt, Paige DeWitt, Elijah DeWitt, and Allison Montigue.

She was preceded in death by her husband Wilbur Gemelke on August 20, 2015, son-in-law Walter Retzlaff, parents Albert Smith and Eva Mewis, brothers Merlin Smith, Allen Smith, sisters Helen Wassenaar, and Elsie Cox. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Stanton Cemetery - Rural Stanton

83899 Nebraska 57  
Stanton, NE 68779

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
(402) 371-7676  
[info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com](mailto:info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com)  
<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Ina P. Gemelke*



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**Stonacek Funeral Chapel** - December 29, 2021 at 10:37 AM



“ *Ina P. Gemelke*

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October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Dear Family,*

*Gloria and I are very sorry to learn of Ina's death. She was an integral part of our church family. May the Lord bless and keep you at this difficult time.*

*Terry and Gloria Spence*

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**Terry and Gloria Spence** - December 30, 2021 at 03:03 PM

DH

“ *Debbie S. Hoehne lit a candle in memory of Ina P. Gemelke*



Debbie S. Hoehne - December 29, 2021 at 08:34 PM



“ *177 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - December 29, 2021 at 10:32 AM

LD

“ *Jay and I are so sad to hear about your Mom. Ina was so sweet, I always enjoyed our visits. She made us some yummy chex mix and a spice mix! I loved her sweet smile and will always remember our trip to Culver's with both your Mom & Dad....the kiddie meals ☐ Our heartfelt sympathy to all, hugs and love ❤️❤️❤️*

Laurie DeWispelaere - December 28, 2021 at 08:34 PM

BS

“ *My deepest condolences to the entire family!*

Brian J. Schlote - December 28, 2021 at 06:18 PM

AJ

“ *R.I.P Ina. She was very special. She would bring those french donuts to work to share or make graham crackers with peanut butter frosting for the patients. Took good care of every one.*

Arvona Jaeger - December 28, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ *58 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - December 28, 2021 at 12:54 PM

DD

“ *We were sorry to read of Ina's passing. I was the Human Resources Manager at the Norfolk Regional Center during much of Ina's (and Wilbur's) employment there. Wilbur and she were great employees and even nicer people. if all employees were like Ina & Wilbur, the position of Human Resources Manager would have been easier. After they retired, we would sometimes see them when they were walking the mall and we would have a short visit. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Don Dammast - December 28, 2021 at 07:24 AM

JT

“ *Laura, Cindy, and all of Ina's family,*

*I am so sorry to hear of Ina's passing. She has always had a special place in my heart, as did your dad. May God comfort you during this difficult time. You have my deepest sympathies. Prayers to all of Ina's family.*

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**Jane Timm** - December 27, 2021 at 03:46 PM

JT

“ *Jane Timm lit a candle in memory of Ina P. Gemelke*



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**Jane Timm** - December 27, 2021 at 03:36 PM

 Sheryl Hoff

“ *Sheryl Hoff lit a candle in memory of Ina P. Gemelke*



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**Sheryl Hoff** - December 27, 2021 at 03:58 AM