### DENNIS, CHARLOTTE C.

### <u>Birth</u>

August 6, 1937 Iowa

### **Death**

March 25, 2014 West Des Moines, Iowa



# Cause of Death

Cancer

# **Cemetery Lot**

Row 21, Space 5 in the New Addition

## **Father**

Herman Lash

## <u>Mother</u>

Ada Ashdown

### Marriage

Charlotte C. Lash to Roger Lee Dennis in about 1969

1940 – Boone Twp., Dallas Co., IA; ED25-7; Page5B &6A; April 20, 1940

#108 – rent home; value of home, \$8; same house as 1935

Lash, Herman	36	farmer	IA
Adah	32		IA
Ugene	06		IA
Charlott	02		IA

# **Obituary**

[The Des Moines Register, Thursday, March 27, 2014, Page 12A of the Metro Section]

Charlotte Dennis, 76 of WindsorHeights, passed away peacefully on March 24<sup>th</sup>. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, March 28, at Lutheran Church of Hope in WDM followed by a luncheon and burial service. Charlotte survived by her Brother Donald "Bub"

Lash (Sandy) her two daughters Kathy Dennis and Chris Freeman, 6 Grandchildren, and 10 Great-Grandchildren. Contribution to the family in lieu of flowers.

### From the Memorial Folder

Celebration of Life Charlotte Dennis August 6, 1937 – March 25, 2014

Processional
Go Rest High on the Mountain – Vince Gill

Welcome and Opening Prayer Pastor Nicole Woodley

Sharing of Memories Bible Reading Psalm 23

Gospel Reading Luke 14"16-23

Message Pastor Nicole Woodley

Special Music Whispering Hope – Jim Reeves

Closing Prayers
Pastor Nicole Woodley

Lord's Prayer

#### Commendation

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Charlotte. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

Recessional

### Obituary from Folder

Charlotte was born August 6, 1937 and grew up as a farm kid in rural Iowa. She attended ValleyHigh School, when she wasn't playing hooky with Sissy or "borrowing" her oldest brother's car. She married in September of 1954 and became a mother to two daughters and

several others throughout the years. She was a state bowling champion many times over, successfully ran the family business, and those of you who knew Roger know that was no easy task. Charlotte was an amazing grandmother and great-grandmother to all of her children. Most of all she was a compassionate and caring person who left a positive impact on all that knew her. She turned no one away and truly gave unconditional love to all.

Charlotte leaves behind on Earth to continue her legacy: her brother; Donald "Bub" Lash (Sandy); her two daughters Kathy Dennis and Chris Freeman; six grandchildren, Dana Meendering (James), Wendy Davis (Tyler), Jake Halferty (Josie), Shane Freeman, Mindy Freeman and Whitney Freeman; 10 great-grandchildren, Tanner, Kayla, AJ, Abrie, Shane, Gavin, Adrian, Khloe, Mason and Liam; her extended family, Tom and Tim Lash, Kim Edwards, Lorie Hagen, Randy and Tim Mease, Carol Ruby (Glenda); and one of her best friends and partner in crime, Jane Ridihalgh.

Charlotte was met at the gates of heaven by her parents Adah and Herman Lash; her brother Gene, whom I'm sure, is hiding the keys to his car; her husband of 45 years, Roger, who left this earth 14 years earlier so he'd have enough time to build their mansion and when she got to heaven. I'm sure it was "done good enough for who it was for". Two of her great-grandchildren Dallas and Nathan and two of her best friends Carol and Jan. I certainly hope they have some donuts, a champagne cake from Highland Bakery and a loaf of regular bread waiting for her. She'll be bringing the cigarettes and matches.

I read somewhere that the pennies you find on the ground are sent down from heaven by our loved ones to remind us that they are still watching over us. I'm sure we will all find those pennies from Charlotte when we need comfort, support or a loving push in the right direction.

# Acknowledgement

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during these hours of bereavement. A special thanks to Uncle Bub and Aunt Sandy for always being there and making sure we knew we weren't alone. The Family of Charlotte Dennis

#### Verse

She is Gone

You can shed tears that she is gone or you can smile because she lived, You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her Or you can be full of the love that you shared, You can turn your back on tomorrow and live for yesterday Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember her and only that she is gone or you can cherish her memory and let it live on, You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.