



Isabella Katharine Blunsom

December 8, 1925 - August 24, 2022

Funeral services for Isabella Katharine (Dunning) Blunsom, 96, will be held on September 3 at 10 am at the Torrington United Methodist Church with Julie Newman officiating. Burial and reception will follow. Memorials may be made to the Torrington Methodist Church or Red Cross. Isabel was a faithful servant of God who loved her family, church, and community. On August 24, 2022, with daughter Carol by her side, Isabel went from this world to her heavenly home to join her Lord and Savior, and her beloved husband, Olaf.

Isabel was born to Harry and Elsa Dunning in Pretoria, South Africa, on December 8, 1925. She grew up in Kirkwood, South Africa, where she graduated from high school and then worked at Barclays Bank. While in Kirkwood, she met the love of her life, Olaf Blunsom, through his sister, Edith, who recognized their shared enjoyment of tennis. Isabel and Olaf were married on January 1, 1949. In 1957, after having three children, they immigrated to the U.S. on the Queen Mary. They lived in San Francisco and Omaha (where she worked for missions at Wesleyan Church) before settling in Torrington. She and Olaf became naturalized citizens in 1962 and had two more children. She worked with Olaf as the manager of their CPA business for 20 years before retiring in 1985. She and Olaf were married for 58 years and enjoyed retirement together until his death in 2007.

Isabel was a member of the United Methodist Church of Torrington, where she taught Sunday School, was a member of the United Methodist Women's circle group, and attended Bible study groups. She also served many in the

community, especially the home-bound elderly and the Goshen Care Center residents. She served as president of the Business and Professional Women and as manager of Torrington Lifeline. Over the years, she was a leader in the Community Hospital Auxiliary, the Knitting for Newborns program, and the Christian Women's Club. She also initiated the Torrington railroad quiet zone. In 2012 she received the Jefferson Award of Excellence in Public Service. Isabel lived life whole-heartedly and was always engaged in activities. In addition to her work and volunteering, she enjoyed hosting Saturday coffees, feeding birds, knitting, playing tennis, Scrabble, bowling, gardening, aerobics, and garden club. She won several awards for her floral arrangements. She was a champion Scrabble player. She knitted over 250 afghans, which were given to families, friends, and other people all over the world. She also wrote a book about her life called "Two Lives."

She is survived by her children Reginald (Chris) Blunsom, Carol Riley, Pamela (Paul) Soriano, Mary Scott, and Laurie (Lori Evenson) Blunsom, 17 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, and many loving nieces and nephews of Canada and South Africa. She was preceded in death by her husband Olaf, parents Harry and Elsa, brother Leon, and four sisters, Eva, Florie, Mabel, and Ivy.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Cemetery

30th Avenue
Torrington, WY 82240

Previous Events

Service

SEP 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

United Methodist Church
Torrington, WY 82240

Tribute Wall

CB

“ We have many wonderful memories of and times spent with Aunt Isabel. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time but are rejoicing she is with her Lord and Saviour and will be reunited with Uncle Olaf. Love and hugs to you all, Connie, Richard, Will, Mags and Liam

Connie Burgher - September 03, 2022 at 03:18 AM

TP

“ Isabella was such a wonderful and gracious lady. I'll be forever grateful to her for the kindness and caring she gave to our mom, Dorothy during mom's battle with cancer. Isabella was with mom and dad every step of the way. Thank you Isabella. You're at internal peace in, I'm sure, a special place in heaven. Todd Peterson

Todd A Peterson - September 02, 2022 at 12:22 PM

DK

“ We are so sorry for the loss of such a beautiful lady who gave so selflessly to so many. She was a wonderful role model to so many and will be missed. Our deepest sympathy to all your family. Dennis and Diane Kelly

Diane Kelly - September 01, 2022 at 01:07 PM

TC

“ Terri Swartout and Eric Califano purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Isabella Katharine Blunsom.



Terri Swartout and Eric Califano - August 31, 2022 at 01:56 PM

MM

“ Isabella was a wonderful Lady, always cheerful, helpful, and caring. She always ask about our family, and enjoyed talking about South Africa.

Merrijane Clark Morgheim - August 30, 2022 at 08:22 AM

CP

“ Carol Peterson lit a candle in memory of Isabella Katharine Blunsom



Carol Peterson - August 29, 2022 at 12:08 PM

CC

“ I am so sad that the world has lost such a lovely person. Sending deepest sympathy to all her family and friends. She made a positive impact on so many people in her lifetime! She was such a good friend to my mom (Lois Thompson), and I am so glad I was able to keep in touch with Isabel for so many years. She will be missed by so many!

Carolyn Clark

Carolyn Clark - August 29, 2022 at 11:39 AM