

Anita Daniels, age 58, of Storm Lake, Iowa died from complications of gall bladder cancer on Sunday, August 6, 2006 at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Anita Jeannine Smith was born May 23, 1948 in Sterling, Kansas to Ben and Coral (Caldwell) Smith. Her childhood days were spent in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, where she received her primary education at Columbia School before graduating from University High School in 1965. She continued her education at the University of Iowa and graduated from the College of Nursing in 1969 with a B.S.N. degree.

Anita worked on the men's orthopedic ward at the University of Iowa Hospitals from 1969 to 1971. Many times she was the only R.N. caring for 25 to 30 patients. She then worked for two years as a Public Health Nurse in Johnson County, Iowa.

On December 20, 1969, Anita and Timothy Kent Daniels were united in marriage in O'Fallon, Illinois. To this union, five children were born: Karen Cathleen, twin of Carrie Jeannine (1975), Kimberly Ellen (1977), Benjamin Harrison (1980) and Margaret Emily (1986).

Anita was a dedicated mother, Sunday School teacher, substitute school nurse, avid gardener and lover of flowers of every kind. She enjoyed reading and following current world affairs. She and Tim thoroughly enjoyed attending their children's music and sports activities together.

Anita was actively involved in the Oakdale Evangelical Free Church in rural Meriden, Iowa. For the past several years she served on the building committee for the new Oakdale facility. She enjoyed her duties and contributed as much as she could to the design of the building. Beyond her family and church, Anita was a friend in the truest sense of the word to many. Her caring presence will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 36 years, Dr. Tim Daniels of Storm Lake; daughter Carrie (Jonathan) Dunnette of St. Paul, Minnesota; daughter Kimberly (Jonathan) Thorson of Brooklyn, New York; son Benjamin (Anne) Daniels of North Liberty, Iowa; daughter Margaret "Molly" Daniels of Storm Lake; one grandchild, Kieran Alethia Dunnette of St. Paul, Minnesota; mother Coral Smith of Bloomington, Illinois; sisters Cynthia (Rick) McVey and Wendy (Brad) Bareither, sisters-in-law Cherie (Rev. Richard) Heshman and Sheryl Daniels; brother-in-law Rev. Bryce Daniels; extended family and a host of friends.

Anita was preceded in death by her father, Benjamin C. Smith on September 21, 2005 and her infant daughter, Karen Cathleen on May 24, 1975.



*"What we once enjoyed and deeply loved,
we can never lose, for all that
we love deeply becomes part of us."*

—Helen Keller

Photo: Iris from Anita's garden

In Loving Memory

Anita Jeannine Daniels

1948 — 2006



A note about Anita...written by Tim

I wanted to write a note about my wife, Anita. We were married in 1969. I can't imagine being married to a more wonderful woman. I often told her she was the nicest woman in the world. She could always find good in each person she knew. Anita had many special friends. One of her friends once said, "About 100 women would like to call her their best friend." She had the rare ability to really listen to people and remember their concerns. I think this was a reflection of Christ in her. She wanted people to feel loved and accepted!

Anita truly enjoyed flowers—she enjoyed their fragrance and their beauty. Often, she would stop what we were doing for a chance at a fragrant smell. One of her favorites was that of freshly mown hay.

She was the best mother that her children could have had. She defended them to the hilt and always put their interests over her own. Anita and I enjoyed traveling to the kids' music and sporting events. It gave us quality time together for conversation and planning. We agreed politically, spiritually and philosophically on most issues. We enjoyed our family time immensely. We both believed that God gave us these last four months as a gift.

During the last week of her life, I looked into Anita's beautiful blue eyes and told her that I loved everything about her, even if she was a little bit slow. She looked back and said jokingly, "A lot slow." My problem now will be that I'll have nobody to slow me down.

Anita was my chief defender, helper, counselor, confidant, lover, companion and even my barber! I will miss her dearly, but I know she is done suffering and with our Lord.

We wish to express our gratitude for your kindness and thoughtfulness over the past few months, and for your presence at this service. You are invited for lunch and a time of fellowship at the new Oakdale church building following the burial.

 *Anita's Family*

IN MEMORY OF *Anita Jeannine Daniels*

May 23, 1948 — August 6, 2006

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE
Wednesday, August 9, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.
Oakdale Evangelical Free Church — Meriden, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend Clint Hogrefe

MUSIC

Organist

Jill Freed

Pianist

Joel Orthmann

Quartet

Ron Netten

Dave Brown

Joel Orthmann

Dr. Joe Traylor

"Find Us Faithful"

Choir

"No More Night"

Congregational Hymns

"How Firm A Foundation"

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

"In Christ Alone"

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Carl Menning—Harley Shaull—Rev. Richard Heishman

Dr. Joe Traylor—Ron Netten—Rev. Bryce Daniels—Mark Weaver

CASKET BEARERS

Dr. Donald Kammerer—Gregg Menning—Dr. Kline Capps

Dr. Harlan Betz—Brad Bareither—Rick McVey—Benjamin Daniels

INTERMENT

Liberty Township Cemetery — Meriden, Iowa

Arrangements by Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes
Newell • Storm Lake • Schaller — www.fratzkejensen.com

