



Arlene Thompson

January 22, 1931 - January 2, 2015

Arlene Jean Thompson, age 83, of Storm Lake, Iowa, passed away Friday, January 2, 2015, in hospice care.

A private graveside service will take place.

Arlene was born January 22, 1931, on a farm near Popejoy, Iowa. She was the daughter of Carroll and Edna (Meyer) Hackbarth. She was a graduate of Iowa Falls High School, class of 1950. Arlene married Orville (Buzz) Thompson in August of 1950. As a younger person, Arlene worked as a telephone operator in Nebraska and South Dakota during their many relocations, and later as a clerk at Anthony's and Sernett's in Storm Lake.

Arlene was devoted to her husband, and enjoyed traveling. They became anglophiles, taking family members and friends to England on many trips. If you knew Arlene after Orville passed away in 1997, you will also remember "Peaches".

Arlene is survived by her son, Thad Thompson D.D.S. (Marilyn Wiggins D.D.S.), daughter Jane Hanstein, grandson Grant (Jennie) Hanstein, great granddaughter Amelia Hanstein and granddaughter Elizabeth Hanstein, and her second mother (her father's second wife) Edna Hackbarth. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and her twin sister, Darlene Pommrehn.

By Arlene's request, there was a private family graveside service at Alden Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to any charity of choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *I was your mom's mail lady. She was one favorite customers. I always looked forward to seeing her. I will miss her.*

Elaine Harms - February 15, 2015 at 06:28 PM

LT

“ *Hello Thad and Jane,*

My deepest sympathies on the passing of your mom. She was such a wonderful person to my mom and dad on E. 9th Street for many many years. My mom really liked all of her neighbors in the seventies, eighties, and nineties including The Ovietts, the Malcoms, Mr. Sundt, Mary Peterson, etc., and your parents, especially Arlene.

I last saw Arlene when she visited the high school in July 2013 for a memorial tribute to OD when he passed in 2013. So. I was saddened when I read that she has just passed.

Every time when I came back to Storm Lake to visit over the years, your mom always had a friendly and warm smile to me! That is how I will always remember her.

Take care,

Lenny & Pam Trudo

Lenny Trudo - February 05, 2015 at 11:36 PM

TT

Dear Lenny and Pam, Jane and I appreciate your consideration. I'm happy that all is forgiven since I was one of the cartoonists that did Cpt. Q-ball. Your dad did have fun with it though.

Thad Thompson - February 08, 2015 at 11:44 AM

BR

“ Dear Thad and Jane, I remember all the really cool and fun times we had on 9th street in Winner, SD, your mom was such a lady and so nice and sweet when I was a little girl living next doors to you guys.... She even was gracious and "put up" with my pet goat Anna Bell while we lived up the street from you guys. Not every neighbors wife or neighborhood kids mom would really appreciate the neighbors having a goat the attracts her children. LOL... But your mom was really cool with it... I'm so sorry for the loss of your momma, I'm sure a flood of memories will come over you in the days to come and I want you to know that this is the comfort and joy that God gives us when we loss someone we love so much. I have found memories of your mom and you 2 kids. I pray for you peace and comfort. Love you guys. Take care of each other... Brenda Heying Hofeldt

Brenda - January 21, 2015 at 10:30 PM

JH

Thank you Brenda! That neighborhood in Winner was way cool with all of our mud a snow forts and bike trails -- and yes all of our pets! I thought Anna Bell was the best ever. I'm glad we could connect again at your mom's wedding, it was fun seeing all of you kids and your families. Thanks, Jane Ann

Jane Thompson Hanstein - January 23, 2015 at 08:52 AM

CK

“ Thad and Jane Ann,

My sisters and I just found out about your mother's passing. We feel your loss and remember fondly the times our families were together. Our mother told many stories of growing up with her cousin Buzz. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Chuck Kelsey, Mary Kelsey Martz, Marj Kelsey Zani

Chuck Kelsey - January 12, 2015 at 03:09 PM

JH

Thank you Chuck! Thad and I have fond memories of visiting with Barb and Dean and you kids at the farm -- all the great meals, motorcycles and horses -- even if I did fall off the horse a time or two! Your dad would be proud of me, I still have my motorcycle license! Take care, Jane Ann

Jane Thompson Hanstein - January 23, 2015 at 08:52 AM

TI

“ *My condolences to the Thompson family. My family lived across the street in the yellow house from 2001 till 2007. She was the sweetest neighbor, she even came over to my daughter's graduation celebration. She loved seeing the kids and our pets playing. She will be missed.*

Tina - January 07, 2015 at 08:50 PM

Jennifer Seibert Moral

“ *My 3 year old son Alejandro fell in love with both Arlene and Peaches in recent months when we delivered meals to Arlene on Wednesdays at her home. I will never forget Arlene's kindness and sweet words to Alejandro. I am thankful we had a chance to meet Arlene, and am glad Peaches has a wonderful home! - Jennifer Moral*

Jennifer Seibert Moral - January 07, 2015 at 12:20 AM



“ *My family and I lived next door to Arlene and buzz. They were the sweetest people to be around and to have as neighbors. We helped Arlene out plenty of times. She was always outgoing. Nothing was going to slow her down. I remember peaches sitting in her window next to our patio that was her spot. I send my condolences to the Thompson family. She's jumping around in heaven right now with no more worries!*



Josh Dose - January 06, 2015 at 01:11 PM

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Thad Thompson - January 06, 2015 at 04:19 AM

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Thad Thompson - January 06, 2015 at 04:09 AM

MF

“ My husband was her mail man years ago and I got to know Arlene and Peaches, will treasure those memories. Hope Peaches found a great home as Arlene gave her.

Dale and Marie Fibelstad.

Marie Fibelstad - January 02, 2015 at 03:11 PM