



## Catherine Bonham

July 18, 1930 - June 21, 2024

Catherine Pearl Bonham, Aurelia, passed away peacefully at Accura Nursing Home, Cherokee, Iowa on June 21, 2024.

Celebration of Life services will take place Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences can be sent to P.O. Box 343, Cherokee, Iowa 51012.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JUL 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake

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# Tribute Wall

KA

“ Photos from Sue Ellen 💖



Katie - July 21, 2024 at 10:42 AM

CP

“ Bonham family, so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I am from the Van Cleave family, cousins with your dad. Kenneth was my dad. I remember a few family trips to visit your parents and also to attend a wedding. Your mom was a beautiful lady with a huge heart. I loved seeing pictures of her most cherished flowers and still have a couple cards she had sent us. She will be missed. Our most sincere condolences. Cindy Van Cleave Pinkelman

Cindy Pinkelman - July 18, 2024 at 01:57 PM

CE

Thank you for your kind words. She is truly missed.

Carri Eckert - October 14, 2024 at 05:31 PM

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**Jensen Funeral Homes** - July 18, 2024 at 10:29 AM

SB

“ Sue Ellen Bonham lit a candle in memory of Catherine Bonham



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**Sue Ellen Bonham** - July 18, 2024 at 10:20 AM

“ *Stories of Catherine Pearl Dix Bonham.*

*Cait as she was called always told how she was born on the hottest day ,July19,of 19930. She has born in the same house she grew up in with her parents Ernest and Dorthy Dix and her 7 siblings. She survived 4 of them with 3 saving her.*

*Cait went to school in Missouri Valley from grade school thru senior high. Cait then taught grade school as a certified teacher as did her mother Dorthey and sister Maxine.*

*She told how she meether future husband at the skating rink and what a skater he was! They were married on August 19th 1949.*

*They were together till Cliffs death in Dec.23, 2015*

*Cait told how Cliff worked the morning of the wedding. They were married at the church had a cake,made by future brother-in-law, and punch reception . After the short reception Cliff returned to work. imagine that*

*This marriage was blessed with 5 children. Dave spouse Andi Berg, Christine spouse Lorne Gano ,Sue Ellen Bonham ,Daniel spouse Penny Goodmen, Caroline spouse Richard Ecker.*

*Cait and Cliff lived in Missouri Valley untill1958. They moved to Storm Lake IA and purchased a house on 4th street . Caite's Dad said they couldn't afford a house that big and the cost ridicules they would never afford the payment ,but the did 56.00dollars a month! That house was torn down and the land is part of BV college parking lot. They built a house on a oak Lane and the marriage survived.They sold that house and bought one on Larchwood St with a shared driveway. Caite said that driveway was always a sore spot with them.*

*Cait worked at the GStore Ireland Drug. She also sold real-estate for a while.She and Cliff took jobs in Des Moines Iowa as house parents. After retiering from that job,they sold the house in Storm Lake and moved to Aurelia IA. Caite loved it there big back yard full of flowers.A great place forteaparties and poetry readingCaite wrote many poems and short stories . It's only appropriate she would want her memorial money to go to the Storm Lake library.Cait was instrumental in starting the Church of the Nazareth in Storm Lake Caite always said God gave them a family that blessed them with a*

*full quiver of Grandchildren, Shane and Miles Bonham, Amy, Lori .and Jeny Gano. Lynn and Michael Bonham Katie and Eric Johnson*

*Those nine brought forth Great grandkids 4 Bonhams ,1 Hupkee 4 Ganoes 1 Cody 1Houser 2 Bonhams 2 Booths 1 Westphal and 4 Jonhsons. One Great great grandson with another due any time,and 2 Great great grand daughters.*

*Catie move to care center in Cherokee after a fall in her home. She died on June 21,2024 .*

*Know this memory was long but things just flowed when I put pen to paper. Long will her memories live.*

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**Andi** - July 09, 2024 at 11:00 PM

AN

*“ Cait was my mother in law she loved to read and enjoyed books I believe she would fine great pleasure in you memorial donations being directed to your local library*

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**Andi** - July 06, 2024 at 08:33 PM

CE

*There is an address listed on this page was set up for her memorial. My mother expressed her wishes and I will follow through with that, as she choose The Storm Lake Public Library. Mom had made a list of several books, including children's books and poetry books that will be purchased and given to the Storm Lake Public Library. This was her wish as she has fond memories of taking her children there.*

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**Carri Eckert** - July 08, 2024 at 06:41 PM

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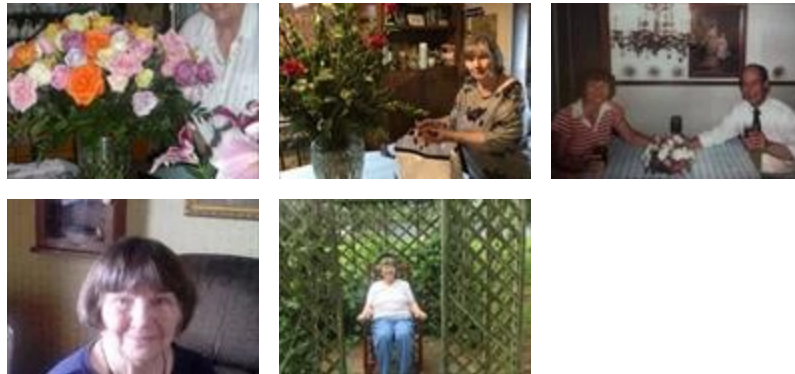
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Katie - July 05, 2024 at 10:52 PM

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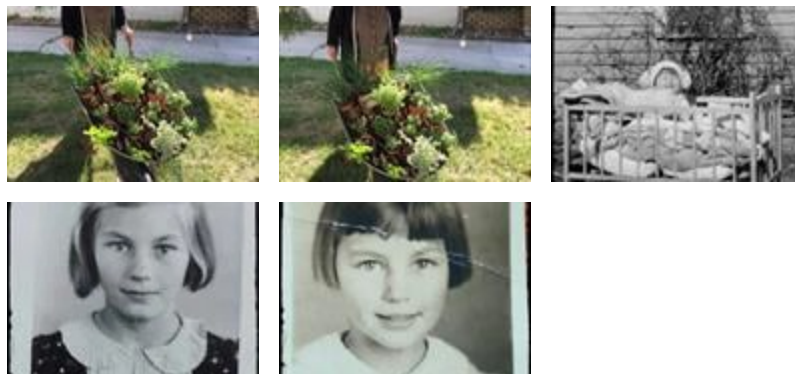
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Katie - July 05, 2024 at 10:40 PM

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Katie - July 05, 2024 at 01:57 PM

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Carri Eckert - July 04, 2024 at 10:38 PM

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Carri Eckert - July 04, 2024 at 10:33 PM

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Carri Eckert - July 04, 2024 at 10:21 PM

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**Carri Eckert** - July 04, 2024 at 10:06 PM

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Carri Eckert - July 04, 2024 at 09:55 PM

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Carri Eckert - July 04, 2024 at 09:52 PM

KW

“ *"That's what life is all about. To love. And be loved."* -words of wisdom from my Grandma Caite 💕



Katie Westphal - June 24, 2024 at 11:17 PM

LS

“ Leigh Ann Schriber lit a candle in memory of Catherine Bonham



Leigh Ann Schriber - June 24, 2024 at 04:05 PM

CC

“ Catherine was a lovely lady--smart, insightful, artistic, compassionate, and truly a lady in every sense of the word. We shared a love of poetry--celebrate a life well-lived! Candy Clough

Candy Clough - June 23, 2024 at 08:49 PM

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Carri Eckert - June 23, 2024 at 11:54 AM

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Carri Eckert - June 22, 2024 at 07:33 PM

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Carri Eckert - June 22, 2024 at 07:26 PM

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Carri Eckert - June 22, 2024 at 07:22 PM

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“ Carri Eckert lit a candle in memory of Catherine Bonham



Carri Eckert - June 22, 2024 at 07:18 PM

CW

“ Carrie - so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. You were really good to her.  
May she Rest in Peace.

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**Cheryl Winterhof** - June 22, 2024 at 12:57 PM

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*Thank you Cheryl.*

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**Carri Eckert** - June 30, 2024 at 05:04 AM