



## Constance L. Sorbe

November 7, 1935 - February 1, 2021

Constance "Connie" Sorbe, age 85, of Quimby, Iowa formerly of Alta, Iowa died on Monday, February 1, 2021 at the Manilla Manor in Manilla, Iowa.

Private burial will take place in the Memorial Park Cemetery in Sioux City, Iowa. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. The family requests that memorials be given to the June E. Nylen Cancer Center: 230 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, IA 51101; City of Quimby: 101 W 2nd Ave, Quimby, IA 51049; or Quimby Library Board: 120 N Main St, Quimby, IA 51049. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

Constance Louise Sorbe, the daughter of James and Marie (Foley) Jones, was born on November 7, 1935 in Charter Oak, Iowa.

Growing up, Connie attended grade school and high school in Sioux City. She graduated from Sioux City East High School. After high school, she went on to further her education at Morningside College in Sioux City. While there, she worked as a secretary for coaches. She eventually worked as a secretary for the Union Pacific Railroad.

Connie and her husband John Chicoine settled in Alta to operate The Liar's Club for many years. Later in her working career, Connie owned and operated Connie's Bar & Grill in Quimby with her husband, Eldon Sorbe.

Connie was very active in her community and was a member of numerous organizations and celebrations including: Delta Zeta Sorority, Girl/Boy Scout Leader, on Quimby City Council, Watermelon Days, Quimby Library Board, and St. Patrick Celebrations providing her famous corned beef and cabbage.

In her early years, Connie was active in musicals and plays, was an avid bowler, golfer, reader, and bridge player. She also was a talented seamstress which included working on family clothes, seat covers for her Volkswagen Bug, and costumes for dance recitals.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Paige (Paul) Harrison of Rockford, Illinois; Carey (Jodi) Chicoine of Maple Grove, Minnesota; Annette Hilsabeck of Manning, Iowa; Therese (Les) Hallengren of Rock Valley, Iowa; Alan Chicoine of Quimby, Iowa; step-daughter, Heidi Kirschner and her family of Canada; sister, Pat Lewis; 11 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; aunt, Kathleen O'Connor of Sioux City, Iowa; uncle, Francis Foley of Sioux City, Iowa; as well as many other family and friends.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents, Art and Marie Jones; husbands, Eldon Sorbe and Jack Chicoine; brother, Jim Jones; sister, Kay Peterson; and son-in-law, Kent Hilsabeck.

# Tribute Wall

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“ My name is Heidi Kirschner and I live in Kelowna, BC, Canada. I am honoured that Mum Connie saw me as a step-daughter although I only really got to meet her when she came to Kelowna to visit with Therese and Les about 10 years ago. I felt an immediate bond with her and think that she felt the same way. We had a fantastic visit and I believe that she enjoyed it as well. I laughed as Mum Connie kept staring at my daughter Brianne in disbelief and kept stating that Brianne looked just so very much like Annette when Nette was younger. There was not the slightest doubt that there were very strong genes in play. One of my favourite moments during their trip here was when we took a small day trip to Summerland and rode on the Kettle Valley Rail Train. There was an older gentlemen working on the train and his job was to entertain the guests with his banjo playing and singing. He took an instant liking to Mum Connie and proceeded to serenade her and they shared numerous songs. She was beaming and was having such a tremendous time. I will always cherish this happy moment and had indeed hoped to be able to visit with Mum Connie again. She has left a real void in many lives but will be looking down on the special St. Patrick Day festivities with a huge smile. I sure wish I could have tasted her famous Corned Beef! Rest in Peace Mum Connie. Til we meet again!

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Heidi Kirschner - February 28, 2021 at 09:03 AM

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“ Jeffrey & Marjean O'Bannon lit a candle in memory of Constance L. Sorbe



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Jeffrey & Marjean O'Bannon - February 12, 2021 at 10:28 AM

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“ So many good memories of my “big”(not so big!)sister. She conquered the piano, the saxophone, shorthand, cheerleading,organ, voice, every Irish song, waterski “flyer” on the shoulders of Budden& Nemmers guys on Crystal Lake, & always a smile! Her memory brings a smile to my face and my life. Thank you Connie!

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**pat lewis** - February 11, 2021 at 12:19 PM

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“ Sandy Hogrefe sent a virtual gift in memory of Constance L. Sorbe



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**Sandy Hogrefe** - February 10, 2021 at 07:48 PM

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“ Connie made the best corned beef, cabbage and potatoes. Awesome cook, fun lady.

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**Sandy Hogrefe** - February 10, 2021 at 07:47 PM