



## Danette J. Tropansky

February 2, 1959 - August 21, 2019

Danette Jerel (Johnson) Tropansky passed away on August 21st at 6:45 PM at her sister Sharmin's home in Schaller. She was 60 years old. The cause of death was from breast, brain and spinal cancer in which she bravely fought.

A Celebration of Life service will take place Sunday, September 1, 2019 from 1-3:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE with a prayer service at 1:00 p.m. Memorials may be directed to the family of Danette. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Danette was born on February 2, 1959 in a suburb in Seattle, Washington. Her parents are Jerald and Elsie Johnson. She has an older sister Sharmin and younger brother Jerry Jr. whom she loved both very deeply.

Danette was baptized in Seattle and later confirmed in Storm Lake, IA at St Mark Lutheran church. Over the years Danette was always busy in serving her church. She had been a Sunday School teacher, Sunday School superintendent, Youth Group Leader, Church Board Secretary, Treasurer, Head of Stewardship Committee and various other services.

On November 3rd , 1990 she wed David Tropansky at the Presbyterian Church in Alta,IA They were married 25 wonderful years until David died from

complications of having Multiple Sclerosis for 15 years. They were living in Bella Vista, AR at the time of his death. He was a good man and she felt so blessed that she was chosen by God to be his best friend, caretaker and wife. She looks forward to being back together in heaven.

Danette attended all of her school years in Storm Lake, IA. She graduated from high school in May of 1977. She attended Buena Vista College for 2 years in accounting but preferred bookkeeping and worked for her father at his auto parts store for almost 10 years. After he sold his business she went to cosmetology school in 1984 and ended up working in salons, teaching for 5 years and even owned her own business in Alta, IA. David and Danette found the environment they lived in could be much warmer so in the beginning of 1998 they relocated to Bella Vista, AR where Danette's parents were living and eventually David's parents retired as well. Danette found an awesome job at Hendren Plastics in Gravette, AR. She was office manager, bookkeeper, HR and everything else her astounding boss, Jim Hendren could think of. She loved her job and stayed there for almost 20 years. In January of 2017 she moved to Des Moines, IA to nanny and live with her nephew Jon and his wife Val and take care of their 3 wonderful kids while they worked.

In March of 2018 tests showed that the breast cancer she had in 2014 had metastasized in her brain. Radiation was working but by the end of 2018 cancer cells were found in her spinal fluid as well. She really retired in March, 2018 and in February of 2019 moved into an independent apartment in Altoona where her parents had an apartment also.

But these are just the facts of her life. Her timeline. It doesn't reflect on the love and trust she had in Jesus, her Lord and Savior. She loved her family and would try to help them any chance she could, from a warm smile to inviting them to live with her. And although David and her were unable to have children they loved their nephews and nieces as if they were theirs. Family

can be such a gift of love. As a small child Danette couldn't wait to play with her cousins, see aunts and uncles and of course grandpa and grandma on the farm. Family was always number one with her and as she grew older she acquired a lot of friends that she loved dearly. You never think of yourself as being very special but deep down she knew these people loved her and she felt so lucky to have each and every one of them in her life, even for a short or long period.

Danette was survived by her parents, Jerry and Elsie Johnson of Altoona, IA; her sister Sharmin (Dennis) Grundmeier of Schaller, IA; her brother Jerry Johnson, JR. of Ankeny, IA. Her nephews, nieces and their children, Craig (Hilary) Grundmeier and Mia, Holstein, IA; Jon ( Val )Grundmeier and Harper, Joel and Charlotte, Pleasant Hill, IA; Roxanne (Trey) Gardner of Fayetteville, AR; Jacob (Vanessa) Johnson of Des Moines, IA; Tristan Stone of Cherokee, IA. David's family: Joseph and Barbara Tropansky, Bella Vista, AR; Dave's brother Mark (Robin) Tropansky and Davis and Anna, Kansas City, MO, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, family and friends that she held so dear.

Preceded by death were her husband David Tropansky on June 13, 2016. Danette's grandparents and aunts, uncles and cousins.

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
(712) 732-1911  
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com  
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

## Celebration of Life

SEP 1. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BM

“ So sorry to hear of Danettes passing. She was such a blessing to all who knew her  
I will never forget her sweet smile. Our prayers and deepest sympathy to you Jerry,  
Elsie and family

Our love. Bill and Nancy Magaard  
Bella Vista Ar

Bill and Nancy Magaard - September 06, 2019 at 10:22 PM

RH

“ Ronda Utter Hogan lit a candle in memory of Danette J. Tropansky



Ronda Utter Hogan - August 29, 2019 at 08:40 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 29, 2019 at 10:29 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Danette J. Tropansky.*



August 29, 2019 at 09:42 AM



“ *Laurel Kestel Walsh purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Danette J. Tropansky.*



**Laurel Kestel Walsh** - August 28, 2019 at 11:23 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Danette J. Tropansky.*



August 28, 2019 at 11:21 PM



“ *Class of '77 purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Danette J. Tropansky.*



**Class of '77** - August 27, 2019 at 09:50 PM

RK

“ Wayne and I have so many memories with Danette and Dave💕. We were always proud of our matchmaking skills with getting those two together... they were so perfect for each other. A true testimony of Love...Rest In peace dear friend. 🙏

rachael kies - August 27, 2019 at 06:06 PM



“ I'm so sorry about Danette's death. What a ray of sunshine she was! She always seemed so happy and upbeat. Even through all her struggles, she always found something to be positive about. She was a great role model for us all. I'm happy she is now pain-free and rejoicing in Heaven!

Blessings, Liz Anderson, SLHS Class of '77

Liz Anderson - August 27, 2019 at 11:01 AM

LH

“ God bless you, Danette-I met you when I taught at St. Mary's in 1985 and our friendship meant so much. You did my hair on my wedding day and told me if it rained, let it run off and "not to blot." It poured that day and there was enough hairspray to keep it all looking awesome on my special day. I offer my sincere sympathy to your family and friends at this sad time and in the days ahead.



Laura Hanna - August 26, 2019 at 12:21 PM

TC

“ Wow.....shocked....I can hear her laughter in my mind....recently lost a co-worker and sounds identical to what she went through. So mad that this is such a rampant and prevalent disease. Danette was always a fun person to talk to and loved that little bit of "impish" in her conversations. Knowing how close you all are is knowing how much you are all hurting....Heaven will love her conversations now....God Bless Danette ... Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh

Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - August 26, 2019 at 10:54 AM

TC

“ Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Danette J. Tropansky



Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - August 26, 2019 at 10:46 AM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Danette J. Tropansky.



August 26, 2019 at 12:29 AM

JD

“ John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Danette J. Tropansky



John/Connie Demers - August 24, 2019 at 02:17 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Danette J. Tropansky.*



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August 24, 2019 at 09:37 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Danette was one of the most loving and caring friends I have ever had. I will miss her beautiful smile and sweet laughter. she was a very strong and courageous woman. I admired her deeply. And learned lots of things from her. I will miss you Danette. Rest peacefully my sweet friend.*

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**Donna Buzzard** - August 23, 2019 at 10:44 PM