



Dorene Ehlers

January 20, 1962 - March 27, 2019

Dorene Ehlers, age 57 of Newell, passed away Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake. After a courageous fight with cancer in 2005, Dorene's battle resumed March 2018. Her strong will to live and the love and prayers of family and friends carried her through the year long battle with cancer.

Funeral services will take place Friday, March 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. Graveside services will take place Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Lake View Cemetery in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Visitation will take place Friday, March 29, 2019 from 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Dorene Kaye Dean was born January 20, 1962 in Spirit Lake, Iowa, the daughter of Lynn and Veronica (Lingard) Dean.

Growing up, Dorene attended school in Storm Lake and graduated from Laurens-Marathon High School, class of 1980. She attended Buena Vista University and received her Bachelor's Degree in Education. Dorene was a beloved teacher who changed the lives of all the children she worked with. Many remember her as a mentor who taught not only ELL and TAG, but

served as a positive influence to so many students over the years.

To Dorene, family was everything. On June 19, 1999, Dorene was united in marriage to Dan Ehlers at Zion Lutheran Church in rural Storm Lake. Married for nearly 20 years, Dan and Dorene were inseparable from the start, whether it be spending time together on the farm, going on date nights, or traveling together making memories. She especially enjoyed spending time with her children: Ryan, Jenny, and her late son, Craig. Dorene's life revolved around her grandchildren, taking in every moment she could spending time with Brooklyn, Irelyn, Bella, River, Andrew, and little Amelia. Dorene enjoyed traveling with Dan and her granddaughter, Brooklyn, and just spending time with family and her fur-babies; Molly, Sebastian, and Jax. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Dan of Newell, Iowa; children: Jenny (Ryan Paterson) Ahlers of Lakeside, Iowa; Ryan (Liz) Ahlers of Iowa City, Iowa; siblings: Jim (Connie) Dean of Spencer, Iowa; Veronica Eilenfeldt of Mesa, Arizona; Marcia (Larry) Pepper of Johnston, Iowa; Bev (Bob) Jones of Eldora, Iowa; Kim Dean (Nancy Nagy) of Chandler, Arizona; Tim Dean of Spencer, Iowa; grandchildren: Brooklyn and Irelyn Ahlers; Bella Ahlers and Andrew Peterson; River and Amelia Ahlers; mother-in-law, Phyllis Ehlers of Alta, Iowa; brothers-in-law: Tim (Taffy) Ehlers of Lakeville, MN; Jeff (Jen) Ehlers of Woodbury, MN; and many nieces and nephews; extended family and friends.

Dorene was preceded in death by her beloved son, Craig Ahlers; parents, Lynn and Veronica Dean; brothers: Gary Lynn Dean and Terry L. Dean; sisters: Lori Ann Dean and Helen Burroughs; father-in-law, Dwayne Roger Ehlers; and her cherished animals: Caesar and Cleopatra.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 4:30 PM - 7:00 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>

Service

MAR 29. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

MAR 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lake View Cemetery
Spirit Lake, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorene Ehlers*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 29, 2019 at 01:45 PM



“ *so many of my school friends are passing, just came across this today, I did not know she passed, prayers go out to the family*

Teresa Handy - July 04, 2021 at 08:30 PM



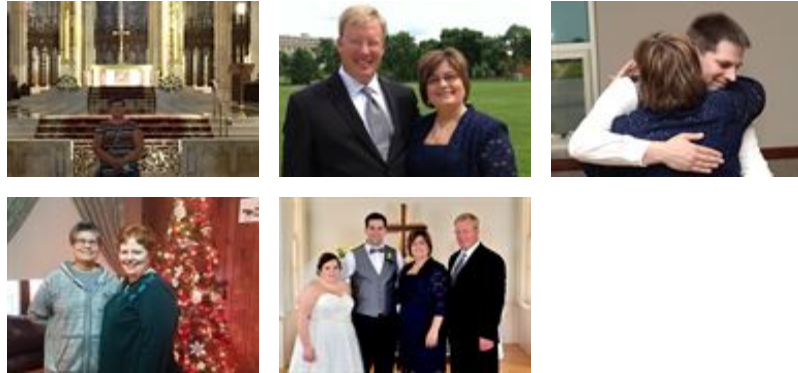
“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - March 29, 2019 at 12:50 PM



“ 87 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 29, 2019 at 12:24 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Dorene Ehlers.



March 28, 2019 at 09:28 PM



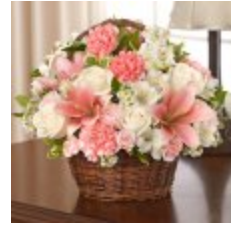
“ Andy Lauck lit a candle in memory of Dorene Ehlers



Andy Lauck - March 28, 2019 at 09:28 PM

LV

“ Love you! Peggy Vial purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White for the family of Dorene Ehlers.



Love you! Peggy Vial - March 28, 2019 at 07:35 PM

SM

“ Jenny and Ryan I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom would speak of you both so highly when she came in for her PT appointments. She always came in smiling and had such fun stories. She was truly one of my favorite patients. Shelby McLaughlin

Shelby McLaughlin - March 28, 2019 at 05:02 PM

SA

“ The kids and I will sure miss your beautiful smile and upbeat, bubbly personality. Praying you rest in peace.



Sara - March 28, 2019 at 04:43 PM



“ Pink & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Dorene Ehlers.



March 28, 2019 at 03:17 PM



“ *Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Dorene Ehlers.*



March 28, 2019 at 12:33 PM



“ *Rest beautiful lady...you are home in the arms of the Lord.*



Judy McCosky - March 28, 2019 at 12:18 PM



“ *Sioux Central Board of Directors purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Dorene Ehlers.*



Sioux Central Board of Directors - March 28, 2019 at 11:39 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Dorene Ehlers.*



March 28, 2019 at 11:36 AM

AK

“ Angie Kutz sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorene Ehlers



Angie Kutz - March 28, 2019 at 11:09 AM

D-

“ Denise Pattison -Boozer lit a candle in memory of Dorene Ehlers



Denise Pattison -Boozer - March 28, 2019 at 07:54 AM

PB

“ Patti Bruhns lit a candle in memory of Dorene Ehlers



Patti Bruhns - March 27, 2019 at 11:20 PM

MD

“ You were the eternal optimist. You always greeted me with a smile and a good story, and you raised some wonderful kids. I remember all the fun at the volleyball parties you and Dan so graciously hosted, and just how giving you were. You blessed me with one of the best friends I'll ever have. Love you. Sad to say goodbye, and hoping you are at peace.

Melissa D - March 27, 2019 at 10:41 PM

PO

“ Pat O’Leary lit a candle in memory of Dorene Ehlers



Pat O’Leary - March 27, 2019 at 09:32 PM

DA

“ Denny And Linda Adams lit a candle in memory of Dorene Ehlers



Denny and Linda Adams - March 27, 2019 at 08:20 PM

JM

“ Jacki and Scott Marderness



Jacki Marderness - March 27, 2019 at 07:57 PM

JP

“ John & Nancy P lit a candle in memory of Dorene Ehlers



John & Nancy P - March 27, 2019 at 07:52 PM

DL

“ Doreen was a beautiful lady both inside & out and will be missed so much by her beloved family and all knew her and loved her . May You All Feel The Peace That Passeth Understanding Going Through These Most Difficult Times . Sending Many Prayers , Much 🧡 & Angel Hugs .
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Dave & Patti Lange - March 27, 2019 at 06:45 PM

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Dave & Patti Lange - March 27, 2019 at 06:26 PM

SS

“ So sorry for her loss. Our sympathy to all of the family.



Shelley/Ken Schossow - March 27, 2019 at 05:46 PM



“ *Jen Lauderville lit a candle in memory of Dorene Ehlers*



Jen Lauderville - March 27, 2019 at 05:36 PM



“ *Dave Merten lit a candle in memory of Dorene Ehlers*



Dave Merten - March 27, 2019 at 04:33 PM



“ *Jim Nelsen lit a candle in memory of Dorene Ehlers*



Jim Nelsen - March 27, 2019 at 03:55 PM



“ *You will be missed. You were the light of the day. You always had a smile on your face. You were so kind and welcoming with arms wide open.*

Prayers to the Family .

Mandy Harle, Terrance, Kayden.

Mandy Harle - March 27, 2019 at 02:28 PM

CO

“ *Cathy Otto lit a candle in memory of Dorene Ehlers*



Cathy Otto - March 27, 2019 at 01:55 PM

CD

“ *Cheryl DeMan lit a candle in memory of Dorene Ehlers*



Cheryl DeMan - March 27, 2019 at 01:54 PM