



Janet Haraldson

February 26, 1928 - April 5, 2019

Janet Haraldson, age 91, of Rembrandt, Iowa died Friday, April 5, 2019 in Spencer, Iowa.

Funeral services will take place Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rembrandt. Burial will be in the Little Sioux Valley Cemetery. Visitation will take place Monday, April 8, 2019 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Rembrandt Youth Ball Park. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Janet Haraldson was born on February 26, 1928, in Austin, Minnesota, the third child of Joy and Margaret (Avery) Dunning, following brothers Robert and Alden into this world. She was baptized in the First Congregational Church in Spencer, Iowa, on November 3, 1929. "Mother Margaret" died way too young in February, 1931, and in December, 1932, Janet gained two more brothers, Vic and Connie, when Joy married Maurine Christenson, who had also been widowed, and a tight family unit was created.

Janet worked for Joe and Marge Carroll in the early years of Carroll's Bakery in Spencer while going to school, graduating with the SHS Class of 1946. In September of 1947, her parents bought the café in Rembrandt, Iowa. One day when there was a big crowd expected for a farm auction they called Janet to

come down and help, and she basically never left. She continued to help at Dunning's Cafe, met a local boy, Ronald Haraldson, and she and "Ronnie" were married on August 23, 1950 in Jackson, Minnesota. To this union four children were born: Vaughan, Valerie, James and David.

The new couple soon moved to San Antonio, Texas, where Ron spent four years in the service as a hospital clerk at Lackland Air Force Base during the Korean Conflict. After his Honorable Discharge in December, 1954, they moved back to Rembrandt where Ron joined his father working in the First National Bank of Rembrandt. In addition to raising her kids, Janet jumped into community activities with both feet. She had roles in community theatre plays, supported school events and joined the Merry Matrons ladies' group. She was very active in Our Saviors Lutheran Church: getting confirmed in the adult class of 1957; organizing Christmas programs, Vacation Bible School, and Mother-Daughter Banquets; participating in WELCA, and helping host the community Halloween party in the church basement. For many, many years, Janet was a fixture in the church kitchen every time there was food to be served for any occasion.

Janet was on the founding board of the Rembrandt Housing Project and oversaw that facility's upkeep for many years. She was instrumental in preserving copies of The Rembrandt Booster, helping with the Rembrandt alumni reunion activities and making sure that Rembrandt was well-represented in the displays at the Buena Vista County Historical Society in Storm Lake.

When her nest at home was almost empty, Janet joined her husband at the bank, working beside him there for nearly 4 decades until her retirement in 2010. After the new Little League ballpark at the east edge of Rembrandt---Engebretson Field----was dedicated in 1988, she managed the concession stand, turning it into a destination eatery with her fabled baked potatoes and 9

possible toppings, for which she earned the title “The Baked Potato Queen.”

Janet was proud that she had no middle name--- like the last five women in the lineage before her---a tradition that was carried down to her daughter and granddaughter. A lifelong patriot, she traced her Avery family roots back to New England before the Revolutionary War. She had revered her older brother, Robert, who joined the Army in 1943 after graduating from Spencer High School. “Bob” officially entered WW II when he walked ashore Utah Beach shortly after D-Day. His family back home was devastated by the news that he had been killed in action on July 3, 1944. Janet honored his memory by not only observing proper flag etiquette, but making sure that other people did, too. A pet peeve of hers was to see a tattered flag being flown, and she frequently gave people new flags to replace their old, worn out ones. Every Memorial Day weekend, Janet and Ronnie loaded their van with crosses, drove to the Little Sioux Valley Cemetery west of Rembrandt, and decorated the graves of every veteran buried there. Fittingly, in 2005, Janet found closure when she was able to visit Bob’s grave at the American Cemetery in Normandy.

Janet was a bubbling fountain of energy and good humor--- she lived her life with a smile and a contagious laugh. And she literally could not sit still. She always had a project in progress with yet more waiting to be started, usually to help someone else.

Janet was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years; her mother, father and step-mother; and her four brothers.

She is survived by sons Vaughan, Jim (Jerri) and David of Rembrandt, daughter Valerie Mosbo (Rolf) of Spencer, grandchildren Stefanie Mosbo Henning (Nate Conlon) of Spencer, Justin Mosbo (Jane) of Charlotte, NC,

Michael Haraldson of Spencer, Jennifer Haraldson of Minneapolis, MN, and great-grandsons Jackson Mosbo and Jordan Mosbo.

Cemetery Details

Little Sioux Valley Cemetery -- Rembrandt

Rembrandt, IA 50576

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Janet Haraldson*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - April 08, 2019 at 04:19 PM

BK

What beautiful memories. Thanks for sharing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Becky Koth - April 09, 2019 at 04:37 PM



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Janet Haraldson*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - April 08, 2019 at 10:36 AM

FH

A great video of Janet at the "ballpark." It is the Centennial video.

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - April 08, 2019 at 10:36 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Janet Haraldson.*



April 09, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ *I AM SORRY TO HEAR OF JANET passing. Ronnie was the town banker and ..SHE WAS THE family and community dynamo.....SHE GOT THINGS DONE.....
I KNEW HER FROM
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND OUR MOM'S WERE MEMBERS OF MERRY MATRONS.
JANET & Ronnie WERE ALL AMERICAN..AS APPLE PIE 4TH OF JULY AND BASEBALL....
WE GRADUATE AND MOVE TO THE CITIES AND HOPE WE TAKE THOSE SMALL TOWN AMERICAN VALUES WITH US FOREVER..LET US REMEMBER AND HOPE ANYWAY...
AS SPRING IS ALMOST HERE AND BASEBALL SEASON IS OPEN
GOOD TIME TO REFLECT ON THOSE VALUES AGAIN
MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE HAROLDSON FAMILY..mAY IT BE OF COMFORT TO KNOW THE COMMUNITY LOVED YOUR MOM AND DAD ..
NANCY KLAHS
DALLAS TX...*

NANCY KLAHS - April 09, 2019 at 12:17 PM

LD

“ *Linda Anderson, Patricia Anderson, & Ted DeLaca purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Janet Haraldson.*



Linda Anderson, Patricia Anderson, & Ted DeLaca - April 09, 2019 at 01:12 AM

ME

“ *Mary Ellen Ericson lit a candle in memory of Janet Haraldson*



Mary Ellen Ericson - April 08, 2019 at 08:46 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Janet Haraldson.*



April 08, 2019 at 03:38 PM

FH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - April 08, 2019 at 03:13 PM



“ 166 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - April 08, 2019 at 02:59 PM



“ *She was the kindest, most loving lady ever. Always had a smile on her face and a helping hand. She is now probably sitting in heaven planning this concession stand season and what she can come up with to top the other local ball parks. Love Jill Henningsen and rest of the Iehl family.*

Jill Henningsen (Iehl) - April 08, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ *Donna & VerDon Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Janet Haraldson*



Donna & VerDon Schmidt - April 08, 2019 at 11:49 AM

SH

“ Thank you everyone for the condolences for Janet. If you are so inclined, the family is asking, in lieu of flowers and plants, that a memorial be made to the Rembrandt Youth Ball Park, which her heart was so into. Thank you ever so kindly.

-- Stefanie Henning

Stefanie Henning - April 08, 2019 at 10:39 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Janet Haraldson.



April 08, 2019 at 10:38 AM

DS

“ David and Rita Sennert purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – White for the family of Janet Haraldson.



David and Rita Sennert - April 08, 2019 at 08:38 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Janet Haraldson.



April 07, 2019 at 10:25 PM

LS

“ Janet was so happy to see you when you walked in the bank. She made everyone feel so important. It was so sad to see her and Ron in their last years. They are now in heaven together. Thinking of all of you today and so sorry for your loss. Snookie

laurelyn simondet - April 07, 2019 at 07:20 PM



“ White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Janet Haraldson.



April 07, 2019 at 07:18 PM

MH

“ I am so sorry to hear this! Janet was such a tireless worker! She was making baked potatoes before every Little League and working tirelessly during the games! She always had a smile and a kind word for everyone! She will be missed by many!

Marla Huebner - April 07, 2019 at 07:14 PM

TF

“ The Bovee Family purchased the Sincerest Sorrow - Lavender and White for the family of Janet Haraldson.



The Bovee Family - April 07, 2019 at 07:06 PM

JK

“ Jeff And Lory Krummen lit a candle in memory of Janet Haraldson



Jeff and Lory Krummen - April 07, 2019 at 07:41 AM

EM

“ If all that knew Janet Haraldson carry a even a little bit of her attitude forward, this world will be better. Thank you Lord for giving us a wonderful woman.

Erik "Hondo" and Mariellen Mosbo - April 06, 2019 at 11:23 PM

DH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Janet's passing. My sympathy to her family. You are all in my prayers.



Doris Harvey - April 06, 2019 at 08:04 PM