



Janet E. Pekelder

February 14, 1944 - June 27, 2022

Janet E. Pekelder, age 78, of Alta, Iowa died on June 27, 2022, at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, July 2, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alta, Iowa. Burial will be in the East Lawn Cemetery in Sheldon, Iowa. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the CHURCH. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of arrangements.

Janet Ellen Pekelder was born on February 14, 1944 to Berl and Malinda (Herrig) Irwin in Sac City, Iowa. She attended grade school in Lake View, Iowa, then graduated from Lakeview-Auburn High School in 1962. Janet was baptized as an infant on March 19, 1944 at Peace Lutheran Church in Wall Lake, Iowa. On March 30, 1958, she was confirmed at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Lake View. As an adult, she was an active member at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Alta, Iowa. Janet served in Ladies Aid and was a member of the Trinity Worship committees.

On April 12, 1964, Janet was united in marriage to Rodney Johann in Lake View until his passing on December 23, 1980. On June 12, 1982, she married Robert "Bob" Pekelder Jr. in Sheldon, Iowa. Janet and Bob enjoyed traveling together as Bob worked on railroad crossings. They also enjoyed camping

and remodeling their home on their acreage until his passing on January 27, 2012.

Janet treasured her time with family. She enjoyed watching her grandchildren and great grandchildren grow and loved their time spent together. On Thursday mornings, you could find Janet enjoying a cup of coffee with her beloved friends. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Janet is survived by her daughter: Julie (David) Schmitz of Alta, Iowa; brothers: John (Norma) Irwin of Early, Iowa; Jerry (Sharon) Irwin of Early, Iowa; grandchildren: Kayla (Brock) Krejchi of Cedar Falls, Iowa; Christopher (Jessica) Schmitz of Boone, Iowa; Jared Schmitz (special friend, Jessica) of Sioux City, Iowa; Jordan Schmitz of Cedar Falls, Iowa; great-grandchildren: Ainsley Schmitz; Rylan Schmitz; Ava Krejchi; and her beloved dog, Dexter.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Rodney Johann; husband, Robert Pekelder Jr.; parents: Berl and Malinda (Herrig) Irwin; sister: Barbara lehl; infant brother: David Irwin; niece: Kathy Sefcik; nephew: Kevin lehl.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church -- Alta
401 West 2nd Street
Alta, IA 51002

Funeral Service

JUL 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RM

“ So Sorry for your loss. Lots of fond memories of Janet and Bob through the years. Rich and Peg Mosbo

Rich and Peg Mosbo - July 01, 2022 at 04:07 PM

MS

“ Sending prayers to the family of Janet. My sisters and I rode the bus to school together and 2 years ago I met up with her across the street in Alta. May God surround with love during difficult time. Cherish your memories as she will be missed dearly .

Mary Lou (Rabe) Sirovy

Mary Lou Sirovy - July 01, 2022 at 02:20 PM

DT

“ My. Sincere sympathy to all of Janet's family and Jerry and John's families. Don and I are sad to hear of her passing. We are keeping you in our prayers.

donna tjaden - July 01, 2022 at 11:32 AM

FH

“ 2 files added to the album Memorial Folder



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - July 01, 2022 at 10:34 AM

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Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 30, 2022 at 10:54 AM

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MW

“ Lots of fun memories of times with Janet and Bob. Had a lot of laughs. Praying that your memories of your Mom and Grandma help you through the days ahead.

Marcie and Wayne - June 29, 2022 at 05:07 PM

JO

“ I didn't get to spend a lot of time with this spunky lady but the time I did was wonderful. She was so fun-loving and outgoing. She didn't have a problem sharing her opinion and that is what I enjoyed about her most. Dave, Julie and family - although you will miss her greatly, find peace in the fact that she is now in the arms of God. Love to you, Joni Krejchi



joni - June 29, 2022 at 12:53 PM

CL

“ Julie and family,

Our deepest condolences on the loss of your mom/grandma. She was a very sweet lady.
Thoughts and prayers.

Connie (Luepke) and Lenny Lamb - June 29, 2022 at 11:35 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janet E. Pekelder.*



June 29, 2022 at 12:14 AM



“ *Thoughts and Prayers to you for your loss of your mom. Willy and I (Sandy) was good friends in Sheldon and Bob worked with Willy at farm service years ago. We all would hang out at the old eagles with some other friends years ago.*



Sandy R Pedro - June 28, 2022 at 07:43 PM



“ *Aunt Janet has been a part of our family for many years. Granted she wasn't my blood Aunt she was so special to me that she was always considered my Aunt. To Julie, my heart aches for you at this difficult time. I'm thinking of you and your family. Aunt Janet will forever and always be missed and loved by all those who knew her*

Angie Grienke - June 28, 2022 at 07:33 PM



“ *I have very fond memories of Janet. We had lots of fun times in our younger days. She always was full of life and always met you with a big smile. Hard to lose a classmate.*

Judy Stehr - June 28, 2022 at 07:17 PM

JC

“ Janet Irwin Pekelder, fondly known by her WLVA High School classmates of 1962 as "Chick Irwin", learned, sang, played basketball and mostly laughed during our school days from kindergarten to graduation. She was so loved. She holds a special place in my heart as "Cuz" because we are cousins. Janet is singing with the angels. My sympathies to her family. Hold close to the memories. Jane Irwin Croll

Jane Irwin Croll - June 28, 2022 at 04:46 PM