



Janice Anita Sorenson

June 12, 1931 - March 3, 2025

Funeral services will take place Friday, March 7, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rembrandt, Iowa. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery in Alta, Iowa. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service at the CHURCH. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Janice Anita Sorenson was born at the Scott township home of her parents, Frances Olivia (Johnson) and Louis (Louie) Arthur Hansen, on June 12, 1931. She was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church, which was founded by her great grandparents. She attended Highview School, and as a teenager, was active in high school basketball, 4-H, and church. A few months after graduating in 1949, she moved to Omaha to attend secretarial school at Commercial Extension. In Omaha she lived with the Schlossberg family and cared for their young daughter while in school and while she worked at World Insurance. Her high school sweetheart, Dale Sorenson, followed her to Omaha and worked at Bishop's Cafeteria to be near her. On September 24, 1950, she married that high school sweetheart, at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Scott Township, the church her grandfather and father helped build. The couple moved to Sioux Rapids where she worked at the post office and the ice cream counter of George's Drugstore. When Dale was drafted into the Army about five months later, she lived with her parents until he completed basic training and the couple then moved to Williamsburg, Virginia, where she worked for Lt. Methany. When Dale shipped out to Korea, Janice returned to her parents' home and worked at the Storm Lake Courthouse. In April 1953, she drove to Omaha to pick up Dale, who had been honorably discharged from the Army in time to attend the funeral of Janice's grandfather, Claus Johnson.

Janice's parents moved to Storm Lake, and she and Dale moved to the family farm in Scott township where she was born. Together they farmed for decades raising corn, soybeans, alfalfa, dairy cattle, feeder cattle, black Angus cattle, laying hens, pigs and sheep. They also raised thousands of turkeys and often gave them away on load-out day to any neighbor who wanted one. She was Dale's right-hand companion in farm

operations and worked countless hours as a farm wife combining, planting, disking, and plowing their land. While picking corn in 1989, she found a part of the DC-10 plane from United flight 232 that crashed in Sioux City, after the tail-mounted engine failed over the farm. As an adult she was active in Eastern Star, and every aspect of Immanuel Lutheran Church – where she was the church organist for many years. She was a 4-H leader, enjoyed sewing, baking, playing cards, and gardening. She canned many quarts of tomatoes and green beans, froze an untold number of strawberries and ears of sweet corn, and baked the best homemade cinnamon rolls. No matter who you were, visitors were always treated to baked goods and a cup or two of hot coffee. Janice and Dale spent 24 fun filled winters in Mesa, Arizona, and then moved from the family farm into Alta, where they continued growing and sharing produce from their large garden. In 2023, they moved together to Wel Life at Alta, where she spent most of her hours resting. Janice Sorenson, age 93, of Alta, Iowa died March 3, 2025 at Accura Healthcare in Aurelia.

Janice was predeceased by many friends and family members, including her only sister Ardys. She is survived by Dale, her husband of 74 years; their four children: Susan Sorenson (Richard Berk); Sally (Jim) Anderson; Sheila (Dan) Bennett; and Steve Sorenson (Renae). She had nine grandchildren: Michael Berk; Ryan (Jill) Buckendahl; Brittney (Logan) Peters; Brooke (Ryan) Weber; Taylor (Rachel) Bennett; Ava Sorenson; Anna Sorenson. Great-grandchildren are Stella; Dean; Evie; Emilia; and Dawsyn. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Gayla Sorenson. Janice will live on in their hearts.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church - Rembrandt
107 N Broadway Ave
Rembrandt, IA 50576

Funeral Service

MAR 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Janice Anita Sorenson*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 05, 2025 at 11:02 PM

PC

She was such a wonderful lady. So full of love for everyone. She made alot of memories for alot of people. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Pam Heschke Cronin

Pam Cronin - March 06, 2025 at 08:19 AM

MB

“ *Dear Dale and Family,
I remember Dale and Janice as a young couple with 3 little girls at Immanuel. In later years we kept in touch sharing our love for her Aunt Gen. May your many happy memories sustain you now and in the days to come. God Bless You.
Miriam Peterson Baker*

Miriam Baker - March 19, 2025 at 12:34 PM

MH

“ *Thank you for the beautiful video tribute to Janice. I'm so sorry for your loss of this beautiful person. I remember her & Dale coming to our house many times for mom's & dad's card parties. Rod, Scott, & I would be the waiters & waitress to get them their choice of a drink. And being invited to their farm for a 4th of July celebration. They were always a loving couple and Janice a wonderful friend. Janice will be greatly missed.*

Marsha (Bruns) Hills

Marsha Hills - March 07, 2025 at 06:40 PM

SP

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your wife, mother and grandmother. I always enjoyed visiting with your mom and dad. They were very gracious people.

Susan (Horne) Piercy

Susan Piercy - March 06, 2025 at 07:00 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 06, 2025 at 04:11 PM

DH

“ Duane Speed Heschke lit a candle in memory of Janice Sorenson



Duane Speed Heschke - March 05, 2025 at 09:49 PM

KE

“ Dale, Susan, Sally and Sheila and families,

I have many fond memories of growing up in the Johnson/Immanuel family. Janice was always there at every reunion and Sunday morning service. Thanks for the memories.

Keith and Pam Endreson

Keith Endreson - March 05, 2025 at 07:36 PM

MG

“ Mike & Bonnie Goebel lit a candle in memory of Janice Sorenson



Mike & Bonnie Goebel - March 04, 2025 at 09:56 PM

KG

“ Dear Dale and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Janice was such a lovely lady and a dear friend. We started Sunday School together at Immanuel Lutheran Church all the way through confirmation. I always enjoyed our lunches when we met in Arizona too. You are dear friends.

May Janice rest in peace in the arms of Our Lord. Sincerely,

I'm sorry that I cannot make it to the funeral on Friday but I have a commitment.

Sincerely,

Ken Gregersen

Kenneth Gregersen - March 04, 2025 at 06:11 PM

PH

“ I am so very sorry for your loss of this wonderful wife, mom, grandmother, and aunt. Janice was an amazing women and friend. She will be missed but we know she is in a much better place and she is being taken care of and she will be looking after all of you. Rest In Pease Janice!

Pam Henderson

Pam Henderson - March 04, 2025 at 05:36 PM

PH

“ Pam Henderson lit a candle in memory of Janice Sorenson



Pam Henderson - March 04, 2025 at 11:20 AM