



## Janis R. Dewey

June 8, 1942 - December 23, 2017

Janis R. Dewey, age 75, of Varina, Iowa died December 23, 2017 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, December 28, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Newell Cemetery. Visitation will take place Wednesday, December 27, 2017 from 5-8:00 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.

Janis Ruth Johnson was born June 8, 1942 in Storm Lake, Iowa the daughter of Russell L. and Dorothy (Thomsen) Johnson.

As an infant, she was baptized at the Nain Lutheran Church in Newell and later confirmed in 1955 at the United Methodist Church in Newell.

Growing up, she attended school in Sulphur Springs where she graduated in 1960.

On June 3, 1961, Janis was united in marriage to Melvin Leroy Dewey at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. Together, they were blessed with four children: Ron, Richard, Kevin and Karla.

Janis was a former member of the United Methodist Church in Newell until they closed and then she became a member of the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake.

Janis worked various jobs in Newell and was the owner/operator of the Fonda Flyer Café in Fonda. She also worked at Faith Hope and Charity for nearly 20 years.

In her spare time, she enjoyed attending Municipal Band Concerts. Throughout her life, she spent numerous hours gardening and cooking for multitudes. She was proud to plan and be apart of the Sulphur Springs Annual All School Reunion. She thoroughly enjoyed making ring bearer pillows and garters for all brides in the family and millions and millions of mints for all occasions. Family was very important to Janis and she treasured being a grandma and great grandma of blood and of love. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Ron (Kim) Dewey of Varina, Iowa; Richard (Christine) Dewey of Ottawa, Kansas; Kevin (Tina) Dewey of West Des Moines, Iowa; Karla (Myke) Dewey-Goings of Waterloo, Iowa; grandchildren: Dustan (Sara Miller) Dewey of Omaha, Nebraska; Faith (Kenneth) Balo of Varina, Iowa; Michael Dewey of Varina, Iowa; Christal (Corey Forsberg) of Ukiah, California; Destiny (Aaron) Ellis of Ottawa, Kansas; Dillon (Jenna) Dewey of Ottawa, Kansas; Brandon (Hannah) Dewey of Pomona, Kansas; Chelsey (Sean) Tate of Kansas City, Kansas; Kayla (Brandon) Drost of West Des Moines, Iowa; Craig Dewey of West Des Moines, Iowa; Sami Jo Kist of Webster City, Iowa; 21 great grandchildren; brothers: Terry (Liz) Johnson of Des Moines, Iowa; Tim (Sheryl) Johnson of Newell, Iowa; sisters: Karen (Tom) Rice of Johnston, Iowa; LeaAnn (Malcolm) McKinney of Alcester, South Dakota; Deb (Dan) Bonnema of Springville, Iowa; many adopted children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren; nieces;

nephews; extended family and many friends.

Janis was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Dewey; parents; sister, Denise Petershagen; and infant grandson, Justin Dewey.

# Cemetery Details

**Newell Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

DEC 27. 5:00 PM - 8:00 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

DEC 28. 10:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church -- Storm Lake  
211 East 3rd Street  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

### Interment

DEC 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

Newell Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Our prayers to Janis's family on her call Home. God's blessings and Peace.*

Randy and Marilyn Schmitt - December 28, 2017 at 08:09 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Janis R. Dewey.*



December 27, 2017 at 05:05 PM

ML

“ *My deepest sympathy in the loss of your mother. May she rest in peace and may God wrap his arms around you and give you strength.*



mary lange - December 26, 2017 at 11:11 PM

FJ

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen - December 26, 2017 at 08:00 PM

BM

“ TO: THE DEWEY FAMILY---RON, RICHARD, KEVIN, AND KARLA & OTHER RELATIVES,

MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO YOUR FAMILY ON THE LOSS OF JAN. MAY SHE R I P. GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY. SHE HAD SUCH A POSITIVE, FUN-LOVING MANNER.

RON, I HAD YOU AS A STUDENT IN MY CLASSROOM SO MANY YEARS AGO. I TAUGHT WITH YOUR FATHER AT REMBRANDT. YOUR HOME WAS SUCH A CHILD-CENTERED HOME. YOU CHILDREN WERE THEIR PRIDE-AND-JOY! I REMEMBER ATTENDING A FACULTY PARTY AT YOUR HOME THAT YOUR MOM AND DAD, AND THE WOELBER'S HOSTED. WHAT A FUN TIME!

THE SORROW THAT YOU FEEL WILL LESSEN AND ALL THE WONDERFUL FAMILY MEMORIES WILL TRANSCEND THE SORROW WITH ALL OF THE GOOD TIMES SHARED. THE PHOTO THAT YOU SHARED HERE CAPTURES HER JOYOUS DISPOSITION AND HER ESSENCE. EACH OF THOSE THAT MET HER HAVE PLEASANT MEMORIES TO TREASURE. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE BEING SENT ACROSS THE MILES.

LOVE & PEACE,  
BONNIE MESTER

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**BONNIE MESTER** - December 26, 2017 at 06:43 PM

DB

“ Donna, Todd and Jean, Chad, Beth, Avery, and Nora Biggins. purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Janis R. Dewey.



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**Donna, Todd and Jean, Chad, Beth, Avery, and Nora Biggins.**  
- December 26, 2017 at 02:26 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Janis R. Dewey.*



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December 26, 2017 at 09:37 AM



“ *You all have my deepest sympathy. Your mother, grandmother, sister--was an important part of my life growing up. Since your dads shared field work, we spent many hours together playing and working on one or another of the many Johnson farms so we got to know each other very well. Janis was always kind, caring and still fun. I remember how jealous I was one year when her club cafe was better than any I had that year! Importantly she never changed. Just a couple of summers ago we drove together to visit our cousin Kathy. It was a pleasure for me to see she was the same nice, great person I knew so long ago. She will be missed. Gale Johnson*

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**Gale Johnson** - December 25, 2017 at 10:52 AM



“ *Gale and Elaine and all the Montgomery Family purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Janis R. Dewey.*



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**Gale and Elaine and all the Montgomery Family** - December 25, 2017 at 10:42 AM

KC

“ *Kris Combes lit a candle in memory of Janis R. Dewey*



Kris Combes - December 24, 2017 at 11:05 PM

KC

*Sorry for your loss. She was a great lady. Prayers going to all.*

Kris Combes - December 24, 2017 at 11:06 PM

BS

“ *I knew Jan as a loving, kind, hard working person, who had a great attitude. She was a joy to work with and fun to spend time with. She was a blessing to the children she helped care for at FHC, and to her co-workers. God bless her family and let them treasure their memories of time spent with her.*

Betty J. Schmidt - December 24, 2017 at 10:56 PM

DH

“ *Doris Harvey lit a candle in memory of Janis R. Dewey*



Doris Harvey - December 24, 2017 at 09:15 PM

DH

*Many memories flood my mind from the 40 years I've known Jan. Praying for God's comfort and peace for her family.*

Doris Harvey - December 24, 2017 at 09:18 PM