



Jean Kender

March 21, 1948 - August 5, 2025

Kender, Jean Annette (Campbell), 77, of Storm Lake, Iowa passed away peacefully on August 5, 2025 at Good Samaritan Society in Holstein, Iowa after a brief illness.

There will be no services at this time. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the American Diabetes Association. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Jean was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 22 years Wayne Keith Kender and her parents Emlin Verne and Mary Ruth (Bennett) Campbell. Jean is survived by her siblings Mary Sue (David) Heikes of Kansas City, Missouri, Paul Verne (Elaine) Campbell of Scottsdale, Arizona and John Bennett Campbell of Storm Lake, Iowa, plus many cousins, nieces and nephews. She is also survived by Wayne's siblings, brothers Dennis Kender (Lucy), Clark Kender (Karen) and sister, Renee Bailey.

Born Jeanette Ellen Campbell on March 21, 1948, in Chicago, Illinois, Jean moved with her family in 1952 to Storm Lake, Iowa where she graduated in 1966 from Storm Lake High School. After high school, Jean moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she lived for many years. On May 24, 1987, Jean married Wayne Keith Kender and they moved into their new home in Minnetonka, Minnesota. In 2003, Jean and Wayne relocated to Calhan, Colorado to live a retired life in the Rocky Mountains. After Wayne's passing in 2009, Jean returned to Storm Lake, where she spent her remaining years.

Jean was friendly to all she knew, always seeking to be helpful in any way she could. She is remembered as an inventive and creative person, who navigated life with independence and perseverance. She loved animals and always had cats and birds in her home. She enjoyed collecting memorabilia from her younger days and had amassed a large collection of video tapes of programs and movies she enjoyed.

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Jean as a kind hard working person, who was devoted to her loved one's as well as her many pets. I don't think there was ever a animal she didn't like. She had a fondness for saving cats as I do. I only met Jean a few times and a few phone calls, however it seemed like I knew her for years. Please except my deepest condolences, May your memories give you solace in your sorrow.
Always, Renee Bailey

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