



## Jean Marie Nixon

January 24, 1932 - March 6, 2015

Jean Nixon, age 83, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Friday, March 06, 2015 at North Lake Manor in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be held Monday, March 9, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Burial will follow in the Cedar Cemetery in Fonda, Iowa. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the church. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Jean Marie Nixon was born January 24, 1932 on her grandparent's farm, affectionately known as "Tutti Mom" and "Tutti Pop's" farm near Fonda, Iowa, the daughter of Gordon and Lyla (Gottfried) Nixon.

She grew up in the Fonda community, graduating from Fonda Public High School in 1950. She then went on to continue her education at Buena Vista College. Jean served as a varsity cheerleader, member of the college choir, Sigma Tau Delta, Spanish Club, Phi Alpha Pi Sorority, and the Swope Dorm Women's Governing Board. She graduated in 1954.

After college, Jean taught in Laurens, Cherokee, Cedar Rapids and Davenport. From there she moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota and taught in Robbinsdale, a suburb of Minneapolis.

In 1961, a year was taken from teaching and spent serving as a dorm counselor at Chadbourne Hall at the University of Wisconsin. Jean's Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling was received at the University of Wisconsin Madison campus.

In June 1991, Jean took early retirement from teaching after 36 years of service to public school children. Nineteen of those years were spent in Storm Lake Middle School, where she served as an English teacher and counselor. Her achievements include co-editing an article published in the Minnesota Journal of Education, being presented The Outstanding Young Women of America Award, as well as being selected to the National Register of Prominent Americans. Junior high students were her "pride and joy" and after retirement, she missed the contact with them.

Bowling was one of Jean's favorite pastimes. In 1974, Jean bowled a 255 game and won a trip to bowl in the National US tournament.

Jean enjoyed traveling, especially her trips to Sweden, Austria, France, and Germany, as well as nearly every state in America. She liked to ski, garden, camp, and serve as a substitute teacher in the new middle school. She also liked music and participated in the St. Mark Lutheran Choir.

Those left to cherish her memory include her sister, Carole (William) Peterson of Ankeny, Iowa; brother, Ross (Kathy) Nixon of Ankeny, Iowa; nieces and nephews; extended family and a host of friends.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Bryce Nixon.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church -- Storm Lake  
1614 West 5th Street  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
<http://www.stmarkstormlake.com/>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jean Marie Nixon*



**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - March 08, 2015 at 03:38 PM

CM

“ *Carolyn Moe lit a candle in memory of Jean Marie Nixon*



**Carolyn Moe** - March 10, 2015 at 10:48 PM

SJ

“ *She was my seventh-grade English teacher back in the late Fifties when the junior high was on the top floor of the South School building across from the Methodist Church. A number of us from our small class of 1962 became English teachers with inspiration from Miss Nixon.*

**Sue Daniels Jewell** - March 09, 2015 at 01:59 AM

DL

“ I was a teacher at Laurens when Jean did her first year of teaching there. She was a natural. Jean loved her students and the students reciprocated. We also taught together in Storm Lake. I will forever cherish memories of Jean! God bless her.



Donald B. Larsen - March 08, 2015 at 09:47 PM



“ Silver Season Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean Marie Nixon.



March 08, 2015 at 09:44 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Funeral Home - March 08, 2015 at 03:39 PM

TO

“ Tony lit a candle in memory of Jean Marie Nixon



Tony - March 08, 2015 at 08:07 AM

MC

“ Margaret Cornish lit a candle in memory of Jean Marie Nixon



Margaret Cornish - March 08, 2015 at 01:33 AM

MC

“ Jean was one of those teachers who made a difference in one's life. I will remember her love of cars, sports, traveling & her fine sense of humor.



Margaret Cornish - March 08, 2015 at 01:15 AM



“ Nancy Lane lit a candle in memory of Jean Marie Nixon



Nancy Lane - March 07, 2015 at 11:37 PM

JH

“ Our deepest sympathy to your family. There are a lot of Fonda memories of activities with your families and our thoughts are with you.

.....Dorothea Hornor, Jill Duden and Judy Hayes.

Judy Hayes - March 07, 2015 at 08:35 PM

 Kari  
Hayes

“ *What a loss to this world but a tremendous gain to Heaven. Jean was my teacher so many years ago and truly one of the best I have ever had. She was kind, very bright, empathetic, fun loving, and a true people person. She made me want to learn and inspired me to be a better person! So many people loved her. She will be missed and never forgotten! God Bless all her family and friends as we mourn a tender spirit!*

*Kari Hayes and Family  
Cedar Falls Iowa*

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**Kari Hayes** - March 07, 2015 at 07:36 PM

ME

“ *Melanie lit a candle in memory of Jean Marie Nixon*



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**Melanie** - March 07, 2015 at 07:33 PM

DL

“ *Jean Nixon was a teacher while I was attending Laurens Cons. school system. She attended our last class reunion. She was a good teacher in Laurens I was in the class of 1959. God bless.*

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**Daryl H. Long** - March 07, 2015 at 05:34 PM

JP

“ *Joan K. Petersen lit a candle in memory of Jean Marie Nixon*



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**Joan K. Petersen** - March 07, 2015 at 01:22 PM

JP

“ To the family of Jean Nixon,  
My deepest sympathy to you, her family, in the loss of Jean. I have many happy memories of Jean. We were friends for many years. We were in the same suite at Swope Hall at Buena Vista College. She was always so much fun and could make us laugh. For many years several of us had a reunion in Storm Lake. There were times when she wasn't able to come because of her health. I'm sure she will be missed greatly. I have so many happy memories of our times at BV and also at our reunions.  
As I look at her picture, it brings back the 'fun times' we had. Great memories!  
God's Blessings to all of you.  
Joan (Kies) Petersen

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**Joan K. Petersen** - March 07, 2015 at 01:20 PM

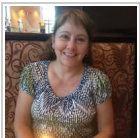


“ Oh bummer I worked with Jean at the old SL Jr. High on Cayuga street. She was a car buff. Nice lady.



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**Bob Gard** - March 07, 2015 at 11:02 AM

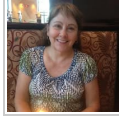


“ Patricia Woodle lit a candle in memory of Jean Marie Nixon



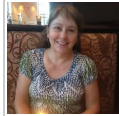
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**Patricia Woodle** - March 07, 2015 at 10:55 AM



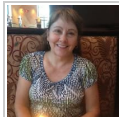
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**Patricia Woodle** - March 07, 2015 at 10:56 AM



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JL

“ Had her for a home room teacher in jr high! Then remember seeing her and Miss Mirik around town at different resteraunts! They both selected me to be a flag girl in Jr High! I think they were helping to encourage me after losing my mother in 8th grade! Will miss seeing her around!

**Joanne Fowler Luetkeman** - March 07, 2015 at 10:14 AM