



Joyce Nielsen

August 26, 1941 - June 18, 2020

Joyce Nielsen, age 78, of Alta, Iowa died on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at Accura Healthcare in Aurelia, Iowa.

Private Family Services will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Alta. Public visitation will take place on Monday, June 22, 2020 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in ALTA. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

Joyce, the daughter of LaVerne and Maurine (Marple) Carlson, was born on August 26, 1941 in Storm Lake.

Joyce attended country school, Douglas #1 in Sac County for Kindergarten and 1st Grade. She then attended Newell Consolidated School during 3rd-5th Grade. When her family moved to Odebolt, she finished Odebolt school and graduated Odebolt-Arthur Community School in 1959. After high school, Joyce attended Commercial Extension School of Commerce in Omaha, NE where she completed a Junior Accounting Course.

On September 18, 1960, she was united in marriage to Earl Nielsen at Odebolt First Presbyterian Church. The couple was blessed with three children, Jeff, Jodi, and Jon.

Over her years, Joyce has worked at Security Trust & Savings Bank in Storm Lake, was an Avon lady for many years, washed dishes at Avon's Cafe in Alta, babysat, and at Wal-Mart in Storm Lake. She retired from Wal-Mart after 23 years, where she enjoyed helping people and visiting with customers. Jeff and Jodi would know a trip to Wal-Mart could take up to 2 hours as she would stop to visit with numerous people she had worked with and customers she had helped over the years. She could also be caught zoning the product on the shelves as she shopped.

She would say her most important job was being mom and grandma. She loved spending time with her family. She enjoyed travelling to celebrate August birthdays in Wisconsin with Jon's family and watching sporting/music events in Parkersburg with Jodi's family. She was proud of Jeff's hard working attitude, a gift to fix almost anything, and appreciated his dedication to taking care of her during her ailing years.

Joyce had a green thumb. She could grow almost any vegetable, flower, or plant. She loved to spend time outside in the garden and take care of her house plants. This trait did not pass onto Jodi, but Jeff and Jon are able to keep it alive with some gardening skills. They are still learning the difference between a plant and a weed by trial and error.

Joyce loved a cup of coffee or two with friends and had a gift of gab. She could talk to anyone.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children: Jeff Nielsen of Alta, Jodi (Lee) Birch of Parkersburg, and Jon (Jennifer) Nielsen of Coon Valley, WI; grandsons: Matthew and Tyler Birch, Riley and Evan Nielsen; siblings: Betty Bosley of Gaithersburg, MD and Duane (Marianne) Carlson of Sac City; and extended family and friends.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and infant brother.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn

Alta, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JS

“Joyce was a wonderful coworker @ Walmart. Enjoyed visiting with her. Prayers to the family.
Jessica Staton



Jessica Staton - June 25, 2020 at 04:55 PM

NF

“Nancy & Gary Snyder & Family lit a candle in memory of Joyce Nielsen



Nancy & Gary Snyder & Family - June 22, 2020 at 02:20 PM

KP

“Kim Piercy lit a candle in memory of Joyce Nielsen



Kim Piercy - June 22, 2020 at 10:35 AM

AF

“Aunt Audrey, Deb, & Dennis, Jan & Family purchased the Healing Tears - All Pink for the family of Joyce Nielsen.



Aunt Audrey, Deb, & Dennis, Jan & Family - June 22, 2020 at 12:34 AM

DF

“ *Duane & Marianne & Families purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of Joyce Nielsen.*



Duane & Marianne & Families - June 21, 2020 at 09:25 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce Nielsen.*



June 21, 2020 at 05:30 PM

LE

“ *So sorry for the loss of Joyce, she had always been so kind to me, when I moved back to Nebraska, she had a way to stay in touch to always let me know I wasn't forgotten because I was no longer in IA. Over the years of knowing Joyce, through her kindness and consideration to others, she was truly a good mentor. I learned much from Joyce. She will truly be missed. Again to Jeff. Jodi and Jon Im very sorry for your loss.*

Leslie

Leslie Eisenmann - June 21, 2020 at 10:36 AM

KG

Thinking of all of you! Sending prayers and hugs!

Kathy Grienke - June 22, 2020 at 06:12 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Joyce Nielsen.



June 21, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ So very sorry to hear of Joyce's passing... She was always one of my favorite patients at the chiropractor office.

Midge Townsend - June 20, 2020 at 09:44 PM

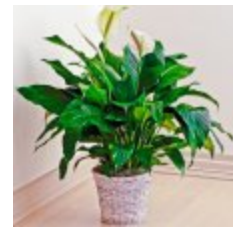


“ Joyce I enjoyed working with you at Wal-Mart all those years ago! We all had fun! I will miss you smiling face and kind words.
Mindy Pyle

Mindy Pyle - June 20, 2020 at 04:21 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Joyce Nielsen.



June 19, 2020 at 06:46 PM