



## Twyla Becker-Kleen

October 19, 1957 - January 31, 2021

Twyla A. Becker-Kleen, age 63, of Storm Lake, Iowa passed away on January 31, 2021 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska, from complications associated with her extensive battle with myelodysplastic syndrome.

Funeral services will take place Friday, February 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake where masks will be required. To watch the recording of the service, please visit Twyla's tribute wall. Burial will be in the Covenant Cemetery in rural Pomeroy, Iowa. Visitation will take place Thursday, February 4, 2021 from 4-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. Friends are encouraged to attend the visitation as space is limited at the funeral service. In celebration of her life and in lieu of flowers, she asked that people bring backpacks full of school supplies that will be donated to kids in need in the Storm Lake Elementary Schools. Memorials can also be written to the family of Twyla Becker-Kleen for donations of playground equipment. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Twyla was born on October 19, 1957 in Fort Dodge, Iowa. She graduated from Pocahontas High School, and from Des Moines Area Community College and Iowa Lakes Community College, with additional degrees from the Rehab Institute of Chicago and Almeda University of Boise, Idaho.

Twyla sparkled her way through her life which was evident by several awards and accolades including: 1993 Association of Rehabilitation—National Staff Nurse of the Year, 1994 award given by United Airlines and Iowa House of Representatives for saving a life on an airplane, 1999 Association of Rehabilitation—National Case Manager Award, 2009 100 Iowa's Greatest Nurses Award recipient, 2012 Dr. Glass from the Iowa Department of Education visited Storm Lake to see what school nurses do, 2013 she was featured in newest Julia Cook book, "The Can in Cancer", 2014 Iowa School Nurse of the Year, and 2018 Excellence in Pediatrics School Health by March of Dimes. She held multiple certifications and loved sharing her knowledge with others through instruction and unique/memorable skits and presentations. Twyla was a great advocate for school nurses by serving on the ISNO Board and showing no fear in giving school nurses a voice with legislators.

Twyla was very proud of all of her children at Storm Lake Elementary School – all 900 school children she worked tirelessly to share her special glitter with to help them shine too! She will be deeply missed by all who knew her – for all that knew her, loved her.

Twyla enjoyed home décor, crafts with sparkle and shine, shopping, diet mt. dew, was a HUGE fan of Garth Brooks, and always kept her eye out for anything for "her kids".

Memories of her will be cherished by her mother, Carol Becker of Yankton, South Dakota; sister, Carla (Randy) Hummel of Utica, South Dakota; niece, Valerie (Seth) Hummel-LaBounty of Hartford, South Dakota; nephew, Samuel Hummel (Raelle & Millie) of Cody, Wyoming; very dear friends, caregivers, and casket bearers: Mary Baskerville, Sandy Wells, Tracey Bailey, Janet Schoon, Sue Freeman, Cindy Forbes, and Jeannie Schwarzkopf. As well as so many other extended family, friends and kids from over the years that she

impacted in so many ways.

Preceded in death by her father, Delmar Becker; brother, Timothy Becker; both paternal and maternal grandparents.

# Tribute Wall

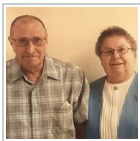
DK

“ *Diane Kenny lit a candle in memory of Twyla Becker-Kleen*



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**Diane Kenny** - February 11, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ *Carol and Carla, so sorry to hear of Twyla's passing. My sympathy to you both. Thoughts and Prayers. Kaye Olson.*

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**Kaye Olson** - February 10, 2021 at 02:17 PM

KO

“ *Twyla was 100 % genuine! She loved her students, nursing profession, family , friends and life. I served on the National School Nurse Board with her and learned so much from her. She will be missed by many. Kathleen Osterman*

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**Kathleen Osterman** - February 08, 2021 at 01:20 PM

PW

“ Twyla Becker Kleen was one of a kind. I don't know if a person could have a bigger heart than Twyla. She was generous in every sense of the word. I still have what I call my Carlie Brown Christmas tree that Twyla gave me one of my first years with Head Start. We didn't have our own nurse at that time and my office was in the East Elementary School building where Twyla was. There wasn't anything she would not do for staff or children. I feel so blest to have known Twyla. She sprinkled glitter and joy everywhere she went. Now she sprinkles ashes from Heaven. May she rest in peace and everlasting joy.

Patti Wolff - February 06, 2021 at 08:48 AM

EJ

“ Carol, Carla and family - you have many hugs and prayers from Elaine and Dewey Janssen - I can remember carry her around as a tiny baby - love to all.

Elaine Janssen - February 05, 2021 at 11:09 PM

SZ

“ Sue Zwemke lit a candle in memory of Twyla Becker-Kleen



Sue Zwemke - February 05, 2021 at 09:20 PM

CS

“ Carol, Carla, and family, Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of loss. Twyla brought so much joy, love, and caring to many of all ages! With deepest sympathy. Corine (Seagren) Stucker

Corine (Seagren) Stucker - February 05, 2021 at 02:45 PM



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Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - February 05, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to Carol, Carla, and family. May God cover you in comfort during this difficult time. Twyla you touched so many and will be so much. May your light sparkle forever in all our hearts and may we all emulate your love of live and caring. Miss you, Twyla.



Veronica McFadden - February 05, 2021 at 11:33 AM



“ Carol and Carla, you have my deepest sympathies. Twyla has such passion for her chosen profession. Many kids were touched by her caring heart.



Betty Ann Rosfjord - February 04, 2021 at 10:26 PM

EL

“ Twyla was a very very awesome nurse who I had the pleasure of knowing when I was in middle and high school until my big move to Texas. My favorite things about Twyla would be when she came to do hand washing in-service hearing vision height weight and her friendly personality. She would bring us rewards for being so cooperative for her. I miss her very much

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**Elizabeth** - February 04, 2021 at 07:15 PM

AR

“ This day will forever hold a special place in my heart. ❤️❤️ One thing Twyla loved more than her school children, was Iowa School Nursing Conferences. This was the last one we all were able to attend in April 2019!! ❤️❤️



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**Amanda Robinson** - February 04, 2021 at 06:36 PM

LH

“ Carol, Carla and family and dear friends—we will always think of Twyla with a smile and a happy heart that we knew her... we have been friends of the family ever since we came to Pocahontas and all of you left a lasting footprint on our lives Tim is mentioned so many times in our household and the friendship we shared with Delmar. Carol you have always represented strength to us and we share your sorrow. God Bless you and your family.  
Chuck and Linda Houston

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**Linda Houston** - February 04, 2021 at 05:09 PM

CF

“ *Carla Flores lit a candle in memory of Twyla Becker-Kleen*



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**Carla Flores** - February 04, 2021 at 12:10 PM

NH

“ *Nicki Harrington lit a candle in memory of Twyla Becker-Kleen*



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**Nicki Harrington** - February 04, 2021 at 09:47 AM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Twyla Becker-Kleen.*



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February 04, 2021 at 09:16 AM

ST

“ Carol and Carla,  
So sorry to hear about Twyla passing away. It has been a long time since our families were last together. I think the last time I saw Twyla was when we were still young. I loved reading her obituary and finding out about her life since she left Fort Dodge and grew up. She looks a lot like you Carol and sounds like she followed you in the same nursing career and she had a very successful career.

My thoughts and prayers are with you both and your family.  
Sara Thompson your Fort Dodge neighbor  
K. Don and Evelyn's daughter

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**Sara Thompson** - February 03, 2021 at 09:02 PM

SW

“ Deepest sympathy to Carol and family from the Welanders. About 2 summers ago Twyla came to church (Covenant) one Sunday morning and we had a very nice conversation catching up on Twyla and your family. We were very surprised and saddened to learn of her death. God's peace and comfort to you all with love, Dave & Shirley Welanders



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**Shirley Welanders** - February 03, 2021 at 09:00 PM

LS

“ I am so sad to hear that Twyla is gone. She was always so full of life; happy, bubbly and always ready to give a smile out. I always admired her positive can do personality. God got a sparkling gem when she arrived in heaven!

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**LeAnn Lakin Sharon** - February 03, 2021 at 08:04 PM

RS

“ Twyla and I were in the same class in high school. She was a person who could always make your day brighter, no matter how it started. She could be a good friend to everyone and loved being around people.



Ruth Hohensee Skaggs - February 03, 2021 at 05:27 PM

JN

“ My deepest sympathies to Twyla's family. She was always very kind to me and my family. God's Peace  
Jane (Still) Nees

Jane (Still) Nees - February 03, 2021 at 04:26 PM

JN

“ Jane (Still) Nees lit a candle in memory of  
Twyla Becker-Kleen



Jane (Still) Nees - February 03, 2021 at 04:24 PM

CE

“ Twyla had such a colorful life & she shared so many wonderful experiences with us at the School Nurse's Conferences.

Cheri Hinnens - Emmetsburg - February 03, 2021 at 02:54 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Twyla Becker-Kleen.*



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February 03, 2021 at 02:37 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of Twyla's passing. Deepest sympathy to Carrol and all your all*

*family... God Bless you ... Friends from Fort Dodge ,Iowa,., worked with Delmar at the hospital..*

*Donna Rae Porter and Marietta Bellingtier*

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**marietta Bellingtier** - February 03, 2021 at 01:48 PM

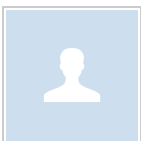


“ *Amber Buske Wentzel lit a candle in memory of Twyla Becker-Kleen*



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**Amber Buske Wentzel** - February 03, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ *Cherished Memories - Multicolor Pastel was purchased for the family of Twyla Becker-Kleen.*



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February 03, 2021 at 11:22 AM

CS

“ Colleen & Steven Swanson lit a candle in memory of Twyla Becker-Kleen



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**Colleen & Steven Swanson** - February 03, 2021 at 11:20 AM

JS

“ Nurse Twila gave so much of herself to all. She always managed to bring out the best in others. She was Zach's favorite, because he always knew she was good for a little 7-UP and a few Crackers for an afternoon snack. Rest in peace.

*Jason, Mindy, Xander, Zach, Zara, Zoe, and Zina Stoltzfus*

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**Jason Stoltzfus** - February 03, 2021 at 08:09 AM

PD

“ Carol and Carla,  
I got to know Twyla when I subbed in Storm Lake after retiring from Poky and we enjoyed visiting because of my connection with you. Twyla was such a special lady--so much spirit and fun! She made a wonderful difference in so many lives!  
Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Pat Davidson

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**Patricia Davidson** - February 03, 2021 at 01:05 AM

EN

“ So very sorry to hear the sad news about your sister Carla. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. God bless you all and give you strength during this difficult time. 🙏

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**Eileen Neubauer** - February 03, 2021 at 01:04 AM

WO

“ *She was so great when I had a shy kindergartner starting school*❤️

Whitney O'Bannon - February 02, 2021 at 09:40 PM

LC

“ *Linda Carlsen lit a candle in memory of Twyla Becker-Kleen*



Linda Carlsen - February 02, 2021 at 09:22 PM

CY

“ *Chandra Younie lit a candle in memory of Twyla Becker-Kleen*



Chandra Younie - February 02, 2021 at 09:09 PM

MR

“ *So sorry to hear of the illness and loss of Twyla. She was a very social lady n nurse! We live in Alta near Storm Lake but didn't see Twyla much but read about her in the newspaper a lot. Please accept our deepest sympathy of the loss of another Becker girl!*



Margue Becker Rahe - February 02, 2021 at 08:38 PM

MB

“ Twyla was AMAZING! An advocate for all her kids!! She will be missed by all who knew her. She was met at heavens gate by many of those who's life she graced.

Marie Bruns-LeClair - February 02, 2021 at 08:25 PM

PB

“ Carol and family,

Prayers are sent to you in this most difficult time. May loving memories help you cope with the loss of Twyla.

Paul Bollard - February 02, 2021 at 07:54 PM

LE

“ The fun we had at camp every summer!!  
Prayers for her family!



Lu erlandson - February 02, 2021 at 04:40 PM

SS

“ Staci & Mike Struthers lit a candle in memory of Twyla Becker-Kleen



Staci & Mike Struthers - February 02, 2021 at 11:15 AM

Terra  
Sheehan-  
Sievers

“ Terra Sheehan-Sievers lit a candle in memory of Twyla Becker-Kleen



Terra Sheehan-Sievers - February 02, 2021 at 10:25 AM

KI

“ Kim lit a candle in memory of Twyla Becker-Kleen



Kim - February 02, 2021 at 08:11 AM



“ Mona Mason lit a candle in memory of Twyla Becker-Kleen



Mona Mason - February 01, 2021 at 10:05 PM

TB

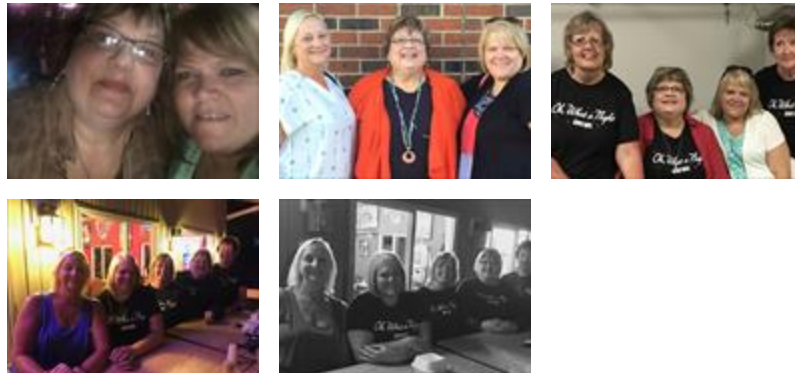
“ I miss you so much is hard to breathe. I will forever treasure our friendship and the memories we made. Love you always Twyla!



Tracey Bailey - February 01, 2021 at 08:10 PM

TB

“ 7 files added to the album Memories of Twyla-la-la!



Tracey Bailey - February 01, 2021 at 08:06 PM

AG

“ So very sorry to hear about the loss of Twyla. We both got a chance to work with her and she had the biggest heart and love for her students and all people.  
Ann and Carol Grundmeier



Ann and Carol Grundmeier - February 01, 2021 at 06:31 PM