



Caroline Smith

August 18, 1924 - June 19, 2020

Caroline J. Smith, age 95, of Oskaloosa, passed away on Friday, June 19, 2020 at the Comfort Hospice House in Pella, Iowa. She was born on August 18, 1924, in Marion County, Iowa, the daughter of Orval and Jeanette (Schakel) Baughman. She attended Amsterdam Country Schools in Marion County until 8th grade. On July 18, 1970 she was united in marriage to John W. Smith in Oskaloosa. They enjoyed 27 years of marriage together until Johns passing in February 1998.

Caroline had a strong work ethic, which started at the age of 13 when she worked as a mother's helper. She also helped her dad on the farm doing everything from hand picking corn to milking cows. Caroline was the Jill-of-all trades and held many different jobs over her lifetime. She especially enjoyed her time she was employed at Pella Corp and her job as a school bus driver. She eventually became the manager of a bookstore and Mattingly Music Store until the store closed which ended her working days at the age of 80. She enjoyed crocheting, working in her yard and was especially known for her famous pies she would bake.

Her family includes her daughters, Cheryl DeHeer of Otley and Shelby (Skip) Allgood of Cedar Rapids; her stepson, Harold (Judy) Bohlen of Thonotosassa, FL; her grandson, Arlan (Tammy) DeHeer; a granddaughter, Leslie (Jeff) Clauson; her great granddaughters, Carly and Kelsey Clauson; her sister, Vera Horman and a nephew, Lyle Horman.

In addition to her husband, Caroline was preceded in death by her parents; Orval and Jeanette; a brother, LeRoy Baughman and 2 granddaughters, Kara DeHeer and Lechelle Allgood.

A graveside service will be held Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the Forest Cemetery in Oskaloosa with Arlan DeHeer officiating. According to the rules put in place by the Iowa Department of Public Health, proper social distancing and reasonable personal protective equipment is advised for attending a religious public event. The graveside service will be live streamed at the funeral home's YouTube Channel for those

wishing to support the family from a distance. Memorials may be made to the Comfort Hospice House in Pella.

Cemetery

Forest Cemetery

634 North 9th Street
Oskaloosa, IA, 52577

Events

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Graveside Service

10:00AM

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Comments



“ I loved her cherry pie when she brought it to mom and dad. Was always happy to see her and uncle John and the puppies at my folks. I will never forget the time uncle John rode with me in the semi, and when we got back the scolding Caroline gave him. I will miss her very much. Love you aunt Caroline,
Gary Lisk

Gary Lisk - June 23, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ June And Floyd VerPloeg purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Caroline Smith.



June And Floyd VerPloeg - June 21, 2020 at 02:16 PM



“ I feel so fortunate that I met Caroline. I am grateful for the time I spent with her, watching Survivor, enjoying her back porch, or telling Shadow to quiet down.

I will miss her letters and her stories. Especially the ones detailing her youthful shenanigans.

I will always carry a badge of pride for when she told me I made excellent pie crust. Anyone who knew her knows that a pretty big deal.

I will certainly never see a solar light without smiling and thinking of her.

She will be missed and always loved.

Amanda Sowers

Amanda Sowers - June 21, 2020 at 01:39 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Caroline Smith.



June 21, 2020 at 01:27 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Caroline Smith.



June 21, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ Chas Koopman, Jack Thomassen purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Caroline Smith.



Chas Koopman, Jack Thomassen - June 20, 2020 at 08:42 PM



“ Carol McKinney lit a candle in memory of Caroline Smith



Carol McKinney - June 20, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ I remember Caroline from the book and music store. I would go in for saxophone reeds or valve oil for one of the kids, or sheet music for myself, and she always had a moment to chat. (Even when I interrupted her lunch on a noon-hour rush errand.) This delightful woman is forever part of the fabric of Oskaloosa.

Lynn Howard - June 20, 2020 at 03:22 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Caroline Smith.



June 20, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Cherry Rumbaugh - June 20, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ Caroline's twin cousins, Marvin & Melvin Rumbaugh have so many good memories of our visits with her and her family. She was such a sweet person and loved her family including her fur babies. Her delicious pies will be missed but not as much as the hands that made them. Such a reunion in heaven with John, Leroy, and her granddaughters.

Cherry Rumbaugh - June 20, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Suzann - June 20, 2020 at 04:50 AM



“ Dick & I were friends with Caroline & John for many years . Never have I met anyone with more of a Loving & Caring Heart than Caroline. She was full of energy & hard work. She absolutely Loved her little dogs . Cared for them like her little children .The world was a better place with Caroline in it. We are thankful she crossed our Life's path . I can just hear her say "Oh John".

Love

Diana & Dick

Diana & Dick Crook - June 20, 2020 at 02:35 AM



“ Hi, I'm Caroline's hairdresser, and have been for many years. I loved this woman, loved her stories, and how she took everything to heart and talked about things with such emotion. I was always so happy to see her and just to spend time with her! What an inspiration, I was so amazed by the fact that she lived in her own home, mowed, raked leaves, walked her dog, was of sound mind, had great hearing, heck I want to be like her if I get to live as long! I drove by her house on Friday and said to my daughter " where's Caroline, she's not sitting in her chair, and her curtains are drawn. I know why now. I will miss her so very very much. Sincerely,Joan Heinle

joan heinle - June 19, 2020 at 08:09 PM