



Jane Alice Strawn

January 29, 1943 - April 21, 2017

Jane Alice Strawn, 74, of Oskaloosa, died Friday, April 21, 2017, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines. She was born Friday, January 29, 1943, in San Diego, California, the daughter of John Lama and Mary Brown Stills. She graduated from the New Virginia High School with the Class of 1961. Following high school, Jane moved to Des Moines and worked at Bankers Life. She later moved to Cedar Rapids and worked for Rockwell Collins. She was united in marriage to Brian Baker, to this union two children were born, Brant and DeAnn. Jane and her family moved to Omaha and later to Rockford, Illinois, where she worked at Cole Chemical. Jane and Brian later divorced. On April 16, 1983, Jane was united in marriage to Dean Strawn at the Little Brown Church at Nashua. Dean had two children when the two of them were married. Jane was happy to add Jim and Pam into her family. She stayed home to care for her family and home until Pam was in Junior High. At that time, she went to work for the FSA office in Mahaska County. She later took a job at with the Mahaska County Sherriff's office. She retired from there in the early 2000's. She was a member of the Central United Methodist Church, Questers, and Xi Alpha Delta of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. Jane looked forward to gathering with family and friends. She always looked forward to Wednesday nights with her lady friends, Thursday's with her and Dean's couples friends, and then Friday evenings at the Elks. She enjoyed Zen tangling, scrapbooking, working on puzzles, and doing crafts. She delighted in spending time with her family.

Her family includes her husband of over 34 years Dean Strawn of Oskaloosa, four children, Brant (Fiancee, Vanessa Minick) Baker of Des Moines, DeAnn (Brent) Knoot of Oskaloosa, Jim (Ann) Strawn of Clive, and Pam (Brian) Harrison of Waukee; twelve grandchildren, Lexus, Sam, Taylor, Leah, Paiven, Jack, Emily, Parker, Brock, Tate, Sam, and Clark; two sisters, Evelyn (Donald) Norris of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Jane's twin sister, Joan (Joseph) Forman of Apple River, Illinois; and a brother, Melvin (Sue) Stills of New Virginia.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers, Francis and John Stills. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the Bates Funeral Chapel in Oskaloosa with Reverend Bruce Wittern officiating. As was Jane's wish her body will be cremated following the funeral ceremony. Burial of the urn will be in the New

Virginia Cemetery at a later date. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Visitation will begin Monday after 1 p.m. in the Bates Funeral Chapel and the family will be at the funeral chapel from 4-7 Monday evening to greet friends and relatives. Memorials may be made to the Mahaska County Sheriff's Reserve Unit.

Events

APR

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Visitation

01:00PM - 07:00PM

Bates Funeral Chapel

114 South 7th Street, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

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Funeral Service

10:30AM

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Comments



“ Dean, I'm so sorry to hear about your wife, Jane. Just wanted you to know I'm thinking of you. I think of our old friendships often. Jean (Bartine) French

Jeanie French - April 25, 2017 at 09:06 PM



“ Dean and Family, I'm so very sorry to hear about Jane. Her and I met while we were working at the ASCS office years ago. She was so kind and loving, and had such a beautiful spirit. Everyone loved her! She will be missed by many. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers, and have my deepest sympathy.

~Daneta Lopez



Daneta Lopez - April 25, 2017 at 02:55 PM



“ 115 files added to the album LifeTributes



Bates Funeral Chapel - April 24, 2017 at 12:35 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jane Alice Strawn.



April 24, 2017 at 11:26 AM



“ Your CSICU Family and CV Surgeons purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jane Alice Strawn.



Your CSICU Family and CV Surgeons - April 24, 2017 at 08:58 AM



“ From: Your colleagues at Mercy Medical Center. purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Jane Alice Strawn.



From: Your colleagues at Mercy Medical Center. - April 24, 2017 at 08:39 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jane Alice Strawn.



April 23, 2017 at 09:04 PM



“ The entire Frank and Pam Harrison Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jane Alice Strawn.



The entire Frank and Pam Harrison Family - April 23, 2017 at 08:39 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Jane Alice Strawn.



April 23, 2017 at 07:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jane Alice Strawn.



April 23, 2017 at 06:32 PM



“ Love- Mark, Drinee, Maggie, and Will Forman purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jane Alice Strawn.



Love- Mark, Drinee, Maggie, and Will Forman - April 23, 2017 at 05:00 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Jane Alice Strawn.



April 23, 2017 at 04:06 PM



“ Many years of our friendship with Jane have given us so many memories to cherish. Jane faced the good times in life with a smile, and the hardships in life with a strong love for her family and friends and a commitment to make things better for all of them. Thanks Jane, and may you rest in peace....You will be missedOur thoughts and prayers go out to Dean and the kids and grands that Jane loved so very much..

Joyce and Jim

Joyce and Jim Hugen - April 23, 2017 at 11:15 AM



“ Joyce And Jim Hugen lit a candle in memory of Jane Alice Strawn



Joyce and Jim Hugen - April 23, 2017 at 11:07 AM



“ I was very blessed to have Jane as a friend. I am still in shock; I was there Thursday, and she was doing fine. I couldn't believe it when I heard that she had passed. She loved her children, and grand-children so much. She was always talking about them when I was there. My heart is breaking for Dean and the family. I'll keep you all in my prayers. Mary Kesterson

Mary Kesterson - April 23, 2017 at 10:53 AM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Jane Alice Strawn.



April 23, 2017 at 08:50 AM



“ Dean and family so sorry for your loss. She will be missed. Lori Kool

Lori Kool - April 22, 2017 at 05:27 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jane Alice Strawn.



April 22, 2017 at 05:06 PM



“ Jennifer Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Jane Alice Strawn



Jennifer Baker - April 22, 2017 at 02:45 PM