



## Janice Cobler

June 19, 1956 - November 25, 2018

Oskaloosa. Janice Cobler, 62, of Oskaloosa died Sunday, November 25, 2018, at her home in Oskaloosa. She was born June 19, 1956 in Oskaloosa, Iowa, the daughter of Marion and Johanna Van Kalkeren Van Hemert. She graduated from Pella High School with class of 1975. On September 6, 1977, Janice was united in marriage to Ted DeJoode in Pella. To this union three sons were born, Timothy, Andrew, and Christopher. Janice and Ted later divorced. She worked various jobs in the area including, Central Park Café, Hardees, and Pamida. Her last job was at 3M in Knoxville where she retired due to ill health in 1993. Janice was active in Boy Scouts with her sons. She gave selflessly of her time and talents to many organizations, including volunteer work with the Diabetic Hospital in Topeka, Kansas as well as the Food Pantry in Topeka, and Share Iowa in Oskaloosa. She was also very active in her church. She was always willing to help with activities that were happening at church and in the community. She was an active member of the Gateway Church of the Nazarene in Oskaloosa.

Her family includes her three sons, Timothy DeJoode, Andrew DeJoode, and Christopher DeJoode; a brother and his wife, Lloyd and Anna Rae Van Hemert of Oskaloosa; Cheryl Eissens; and a niece and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother John VanHemert.

A memorial service will be held Friday, November 30, 2018, at 11 a.m. in the Gateway Church of the Nazarene in Oskaloosa. As was her wish her body has been cremated. Burial of the urn will be at a later date in the Oakwood Cemetery. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Visitation will begin Thursday after 12 noon in the Bates Funeral Chapel and the family will be at the funeral chapel from 5-7 Thursday evening to greet friends and relatives. Memorials may be made to American Diabetic Association.

# Events

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**NOV** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Bates Funeral Chapel

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

**NOV** **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM

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Gateway Church of the Nazarene

140 Gateway Drive, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

# Comments

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“ I have so far away in both time and geography. I knew Jan and loved the work she did at the Knoxville Christian Church. I have also shared with her on facebook. I love the memories I have of her in Knoxville and on facebook. Bob Tallman (Linda was my wife at the time but cancer took her away). Linda loved her so much.

**Bob Tallman** - November 28, 2018 at 11:34 PM

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**Bates Funeral Chapel** - November 28, 2018 at 02:14 PM

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“ Jan and I have known each other all our lives. She had a big heart and gave to others more than herself. We had lost track of each other but found each other in Picayune, MS where I lived and she was coming for a family wedding. Ever since then we have stayed in touch. When we both were back living in Iowa we started calling each other at least 3 times a week. We would text each other every morning and for the last 4 years have called each other family. I will never forget my very best friend and sister (as we called each other). She will be missed very much. Now that she is gone our love and support goes to Tim, Andy and Chris. Bill and I love you!

**Sandy Knowles** - November 27, 2018 at 10:47 PM

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“ Jan was always there for me when I needed a shoulder to lean on. She was my very very dear friend. We had so many fun times together at church and swimming at the lake or just spending time together visiting. I will miss her so very much. There is no one like her.

**Teresa Smith** - November 26, 2018 at 09:52 PM

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“ My baby girl just loved Jan, and I always loved seeing her standing there just waiting for Harper at church. I had many conversations with her and will miss her very much. I told her a couple of weeks ago i was so happy she was part of the village helping to raise my kiddos!

I remember on the 4th of July this year at church, Harper was getting super cranky while waiting for the fireworks to begin and Jan just took her in the stroller and just walked and talked and sang to her to keep her moving and calm for at least an hour. She was such a special lady and will be missed so much!

**Ashley Chenoweth** - November 26, 2018 at 08:42 PM