



June Elaine Vonk

August 21, 1940 - May 20, 2020

June Elaine Vonk, 79, of Oskaloosa, died Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at the MHP Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa. She was born August 21, 1940, at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa, the daughter of Everett and Willena L. Plette Engelhoven. June attended Rural Red Country School until the middle of 6th grade and later graduated from Cedar High School with the class of 1958. On March 20, 1959, she was united in marriage to Melvin Vonk at the Central Reformed Church in Oskaloosa. Following their marriage, the couple moved to Newton, and June worked in the office at Maytag. After one year in Newton, they moved back to Mahaska County and started farming south of Oskaloosa. In addition to helping Melvin on the farm June stayed busy caring for their three children, Randy, Delwin, and Melanie. She was a member of Central Reformed Church where she was a dedicated volunteer helping with Sunday School, Bible School, and women's ministries. June delighted in spending time with her family, and always looked forward to cooking for family get togethers. She and Melvin made it a point to attend as many of their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren's events. She also enjoyed collecting giraffes.

Her family includes her husband of over 61 years, Melvin Vonk of Oskaloosa; three children and their spouses: Randy and Arlene Vonk of Oskaloosa, Delwin and Joyce Vonk of Oskaloosa and Melanie and Steve Sopher of Belmond, Iowa; her grandchildren: Greg Vonk of Sun Prairie, WI; Brandon (Kate) Vonk of Oskaloosa, Amber Vonk of Des Moines, Jennifer (Seth) Gordon of Madrid, IA; Ashley (Tom) Ehlers of Cascade, IA; Brad (Airianne) Vonk of Ottumwa and Mallory, Marissa and Shea Sopher all of Belmond, IA; great grandchildren: Hayden, Sawyer and Bennett Ehlers, Allison Vonk, Brynn Vonk, Avery June Vonk, Blake Gordon and two brothers: Garlyn (Irene) Engelhoven of Oskaloosa, and Byron Engelhoven of Oskaloosa.

June was preceded in death by her parents; 3 nephews and a sister-in-law, Evelyn Engelhoven.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 23, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. in the Central

Reformed Church in Oskaloosa with Reverend Jon Nelson officiating. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery near Leighton. 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 funeral ceremony and the graveside service will be live streamed at the funeral home's YouTube Channel for those wishing to support the family from a distance. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Open visitation with a rolling limit of 10 in the building at any given time will begin on Friday after 3 p.m. in the Bates Funeral Chapel until 7 p.m. Friday evening. The family will be at the church Saturday morning from 9 a.m. until service time at 10:30 a.m. Memorials may be made to the Central Reformed Church.

Cemetery

Evergreen Cemetery

Leighton, IA, 50143

Events

- MAY 22

Visitation - Open

03:00PM - 07:00PM

Bates Funeral Chapel

114 South 7th Street, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577
- MAY 23

Visitation - Family Present

09:00AM - 10:30AM

Central Reformed Church

815 2nd Avenue East, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577
- MAY 23

Funeral Service

10:30AM

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Comments



“ Just wanted to let you know the Rapp family are thinking and praying for you. Sharon Vander Hart

sharon vanderhart - Yesterday at 10:29 PM



“ Prayers to the family. June was amazing!!



Rebecca Rozenboom - May 23 at 06:12 AM



“ Jan Rolffs lit a candle in memory of June Elaine Vonk



Jan Rolffs - May 22 at 01:28 PM



“ Sympathies to Melvin and thoughts and prayers for all the Vonk Family . June was a great neighbor and always enjoyed visiting with her+

Jan Rolffs - May 22 at 01:32 PM



“ 137 files added to the album LifeTributes



Bates Funeral Chapel - May 22 at 12:34 PM



“ My sincere sympathies to the whole Vonk family. I always enjoyed seeing June at church or out in the community or at family events. I remember she had this odd little smile she often wore. It made me think that she had the funniest joke to tell me, or I was in trouble. I could sense her presence and impact throughout the whole family. I pray you are blessed by the many things people will say and stories they will tell. But mostly I pray that you will know that the great God you lot and serve is with you, comforting you, and blessing you with the knowledge of what a great person she was. — Don DeGlopper

Don DeGlopper - May 22 at 10:04 AM



“ I so enjoyed sitting with June at the races in Oskaloosa. Even though we only knew each other from that few hours each week in the summer...I enjoyed hearing the stories about her grandchildren. She was so proud of her family. Prayers for all of you....so sorry for your loss.

Robyn Barrickman - May 22 at 08:30 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Vonk family. Melanie, sending you so much love at this difficult time. So sorry for your loss!

Melinda Rhine Larsen - May 22 at 12:36 AM



“ Mary Lou Greenhalgh lit a candle in memory of June Elaine Vonk



Mary Lou Greenhalgh - May 21 at 07:35 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of June Elaine Vonk.



May 21 at 05:40 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers for the Vonk family in your loss!



Judy Lewis - May 21 at 03:40 PM



“ I'm so sorry for ur loss Randy & D God Bless u all at this time

Tim Hol - May 21 at 02:33 PM



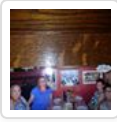
“ May God Bless June. Sending prayers and love to the Vonk family.

Jenn Arnold Freeman - May 21 at 02:26 PM



“ Melvin and family I am so sorry for your loss. May God wrap His arms of love around you during this time of grief and sorrow.

Ila Ruby - May 21 at 02:17 PM



“ My Thoughts and Prayers are with the Family. She was a very sweet lady enjoyed visiting with her at Homestead



Kathy Fleener Lamb - May 21 at 01:56 PM