



Donna Jean Osborn

February 17, 1928 - February 13, 2021

Donna Osborn, 92, of University Park, passed away Saturday, February 13, 2021, at the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Donna Jean Osborn, daughter of Thomas Sandford and Helen (Wyangardner) Allgood, was born February 17, 1928, in Charles City, Iowa. The family moved to Oskaloosa and then University Park when Donna was a youngster. She was a 1945 graduate of Oskaloosa High School and then began working for her uncle and aunt as a waitress at Kides Café in Ottumwa. She later worked as a secretary for Roger Williams in his insurance business and then for Mahaska Bank as a bookkeeper.

On July 16, 1950, she married L.J. Osborn; they made their home and raised their five children in University Park. She and L.J. were real partners in the many family business ventures, including construction, sanitation removal, asphalt installation and repair, a car wash, a convenience store, and a restaurant including Dr. Salamis in Oskaloosa, which operated from 1986 to 2003. She was an essential contributor to these businesses, and her warm, pleasant smile will be long remembered. Donna enjoyed being active and visiting with her family and friends, she enjoyed bowling until she was 91 years old. In 2007, it was determined that Donna was the longest living resident of University Park and she was crowned Queen for a Day.

Her family includes her children: Debra (Doug) Van Rees of Canfield, OH, Rex Osborn (Sue Else) of Savannah, GA, Gregg (Holly) Osborn of University Park and Terry (Mary Ann) Osborn of University Park; eleven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Mary L. Mashak of Wilsonville, OR and a brother, James (Sharon) Allgood of Princeton, IL.

In addition to her parents, Donna was preceded in death by her husband, L.J. of 40 years, and a daughter, Lisa Osborn.

As was her wish, Donna's body has been cremated and a celebration of her life will be held later. Memorial contributions can be made to the Christian Opportunity Center in Pella or to the Mahaska Health Foundation for Hospice. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory has been entrusted with Donna's final arrangements.

Comments



“ Our sympathy to the family, she was a classmate of mine, always friendly, we also were patrons of their salomies cafe many years ago.

Chuck and Jacquie Mick

Charles L. Mick - February 21 at 01:51 PM



“ Your mom was the best. She always had a smile and made everyone feel they were a part of her family. She was always so “young at heart”. She will be missed. Sending hugs to all of you. ~ Lynn (Brown) Carey



lmcarey1985@gmail.com - February 20 at 11:05 AM



“ Cindy McNulty lit a candle in memory of Donna Jean Osborn



Cindy McNulty - February 18 at 04:22 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Cindy (Floden) McNulty

Cindy McNulty - February 18 at 04:23 PM



“She took you on as one of her kids.”, Susan said. What a lovely thought. Always there for everybody. Such a kind and gentle person yet still a force of nature. Willing to accept most anything, always smile and somehow carry on. We'll miss seeing you Donna and will hold you forever in our hearts. Mark and Susan Lemon

mark lemon - February 18 at 07:58 AM



“ Beverly Floden lit a candle in memory of Donna Jean Osborn



Beverly Floden - February 17 at 09:25 AM



“ Donna was a great woman. Hard working, caring, fun to be around. Always on the go. Sorry for your loss!

Connie gentry - February 16 at 07:12 PM



“ Donna was a very special Lady. I have so many memories of her, to many to share here.

However, one that stands out was when I would come over to visit Bear when we were kids. She always asked if I was hungry and how I was doing. She was always positive, optimistic, and truly cared about people. She was so happy and sparkled like a kid when she met my daughters first child. She will be missed. My deepest sympathies to the Osborn's and everyone who life was made better by knowing Donna.

Jeff Bock - February 16 at 06:40 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Osborn.



February 16 at 12:37 PM



“ Donna was by far a very special lady, so kind ,friendly ,helpful. So many loved her as I did. She had a great family with lots of love they were so blessed to have her as she was to have them. I feel blessed to say she was my friend for many many years. She never gave up enjoying life right up to the end. Donna I am going to miss you RIP my friend.

Marty Burke

Marty Burke - February 16 at 12:01 PM



“ Julie VanEnglehoven lit a candle in memory of Donna Jean Osborn



Julie VanEnglehoven - February 16 at 10:44 AM



“ Our sympathy goes out to all of the Osborn family. Such a beautiful, positive Mother and Grandmother who touched all that knew her. Her relationship with LJ was one to teach all of us to aspire to be better spouses and always lead with love. So many memories that will live on with all of us. A special lady for sure.

Love you all.

Terry & Elaine Paul

Elaine Paul - February 16 at 09:00 AM



“ Donna has been an inspiration to all! Her lifelong hard working years . Her Love & dedication to her family. Kindness , Love & Caring to all she served! May she Rest In Peace!



Diana Crook - February 15 at 10:01 PM



“ Donna is ultimately the finest, most open minded, sweet, loving woman I've ever known. She has a huge heart and loves her family so much. Her love will shine on through her kids, grandchildren and great grandchildren. My mom was so thrilled to show Donna around Homestead, mom found an old friend once more. We share your pain Osborn family. Much love, many hugs and sincere sympathies. Doug and Rhonda

Rhonda Callison - February 15 at 09:09 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Osborn families at this time Your Mom was a hard working lady with a smile My prayer now and for the days ahead Delores Morgan Cundiff

Delores. Morgan. Cundiff - February 15 at 08:48 PM



“ Donna was wonderful person, always enjoyed her smile at Salamis. Enjoyed bowling with her also. She was a good bowler even in her later life.

Karen Walraven Powell - February 15 at 08:44 PM



“ Always a smile that made you feel so welcome at Salami's. She was quite a lady. Our thoughts are with all her family.

Donna Arendt - February 15 at 08:37 PM



“ Your mom was always such a positive person. Whenever I would see her in the store or the years at Salamis she would always have a smile and ask about the family. My family including all the Burbank's thought the world of her. She will be missed. I know she lives on in all of you. I hope you can hold tight to those memories.

Karen Coffey Fisher - February 15 at 08:04 PM



“ My mother was the most loving, giving person I have ever known. She loved her family unconditionally no matter how far away everyone was. Always a smile and would do anything for anyone. Loved talking to her grandchildren and great grandchildren. We are so thankful for the years we had with her, so so many wonderful memories and thousands of pictures. Love you mom and will miss you always.

Debra VanRees - February 15 at 07:47 PM



“ Donna was such a wonderful human being! She was on the board of directors when we opened Diamond Shelter....now called Imagine the Possibilities...and always had a smile on her face. Rest in Peace Donna

Mary Wisbrock - February 15 at 07:22 PM



“ Donna was a lovely, friendly lady. I am glad I knew her. My condolences to the famiy.

Judy Ringgenberg

Judy Ringgenberg - February 15 at 06:38 PM