



## Bonnie Lou Van Weelden

January 15, 1947 - August 29, 2025

Bonnie Van Weelden, 78, of Oskaloosa, passed away Friday, August 29, 2025, at Mahaska Health.

Bonnie Lou Van Weelden, daughter of Ira and Nellie (De Penning) Veldhuizen, was born on January 15, 1947, in Oskaloosa. She was a 1965 graduate of Oskaloosa High School. She furthered her education at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids and earned her L.P.N. degree in 1966. She continued working at St. Luke's until the end of January 1967. Bonnie married the love of her life, Henry "Willie" Van Weelden, in February 1967. Three days later, they flew to London and then on to Italy, where they lived for two years, as Willie was stationed there. They lived in Specolia, Italy.

After returning to Iowa in 1969, Bonnie worked at Mahaska Hospital until their second daughter was born, and then became a stay-at-home mother. She returned to work in 1977 at Family Medical Center. In 1988, she took a break from health care and went to work at VandeLune's Fabric for nine years. She then returned to her nursing career in 1997 at the Physicians Clinic at Mahaska Hospital, where she retired in 2009. During her years as a nurse, she initially worked for Dr. Bob Collison, nurse practitioner Kim Nikkel, and, lastly, as a P.R.N. nurse to all the doctors (also known as a floating nurse).

Bonnie was a partner with Willie in the farming operation. Her commitment to

feeding the family and the hired hands was one of her most extraordinary contributions and a source of great joy. Bonnie always provided coffee time for their loved ones with all of her delicious baked goods.

Being a member of Fellowship Bible was an integral part of Bonnie's life. She shined her light and love for Jesus for all she came in contact with. She was skilled at the sewing machine and was a Master Seamstress. Bonnie sewed her wedding dress, her daughter Val's, and the girls' bridesmaids' dresses. Her baked goods were shared with countless family and friends during conversations over coffee time. Bonnie also found peace in scrapbooking her family's cherished memories.

Bonnie's family includes her daughters: Valerie (Brendan) Terpstra of Pella; Jennifer Baham of San Jose, CA; Melissa (Charlie) Bowen of Oskaloosa; nine grandchildren: Nathaniel (Emily) Terpstra of Pella; Taylor (Abby) Terpstra of Leighton; Breanna (Jordan) Slotten of Pella; Camille and Erin Baham of San Jose, CA; Amelia, Aubrey, Amara, and Declan Bowen of Oskaloosa; eight great-grandchildren: Clayton, Matthias, and Hudson Terpstra; Tabitha, Boaz, and Hadassah Terpstra; and Alexa and Orville Slotten. Her siblings also survive her: Lois Roth of Mt. Pleasant; Karen (Mike) Vossberg of Bowling Green, Virginia; Jerry (Penny) Veldhuizen of Oskaloosa; Mark (Tammy) Veldhuizen of Ponte Verda, Florida; and Clyde (Kim) Veldhuizen of Savage, Minnesota.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband, Willie; a brother, Russell Veldhuizen; her parents; and her parents-in-law, Hank and Grace Van Weelden.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 4, 2025, at Fellowship Bible Church in Oskaloosa, with Reverend Rodney DeRonde officiating. Burial will follow at the Old White Cemetery in Oskaloosa. Visitation

will begin at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel, with the family present from 4 – 6 p.m., to greet relatives and friends. Memorials may be made to the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House.

# Cemetery Details

## Old White Cemetery

Oskaloosa, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 3. 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory  
2116 N 3rd St  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
(641) 672-2181  
langkampfuneralchapel@gmail.com  
<https://www.langkampfuneralchapel.com>

*Family will be present from 4-6 p.m. to greet relatives and friends.*

## Funeral Service

SEP 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

Fellowship Bible Church  
1000 A Ave. West  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

## Burial

SEP 4. 11:30 AM (CT)

Old White Cemetery  
Oskaloosa, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Funeral Service for Bonnie Van Weelden in memory of Bonnie Lou Van Weelden*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - September 03, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Bonnie Lou Van Weelden*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - September 02, 2025 at 05:16 PM

PD

“ *Bonnie was my just months older cousin, and we shared many fun times together. My heart goes out to all her family. She was a kind soul.*

*Phyllis Ditch*

Phyllis Ditch - September 04, 2025 at 09:19 AM

PV

“ I was a classmate of Bonnie's while attending St. Luke's L.P.N. training. Later we reconnected & Bonnie & Willie & my husband & I would visit back & forth until our lives became busy with our family activities. I remember Bonnie's bubbly personality & her infectious laugh.

*My sympathy to her family. She will be missed!*

*John & Phyllis (Elscott) De Vries*

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**Phyllis De Vries** - September 03, 2025 at 01:56 PM

CV

“ Val, Brendan & families, Sorry to read that your Mom is no longer with us. She accomplished many things in her life & may those memories give u peace & comfort in the days ahead!



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**Carolyn & Rick Vos** - September 02, 2025 at 10:45 PM

AM

“ Alan & LeeAnn Mowbray purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bonnie Lou Van Weelden.



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**Alan & LeeAnn Mowbray** - September 02, 2025 at 06:58 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Bonnie Lou Van Weelden.



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September 02, 2025 at 01:46 PM

LM

“ I worked with Bonnie at Family Medical Center. She was a wonderful nurse and friend. Working with her was fun. Always loved visiting with her and Willie. Bonnie always put her faith and family first. The world was a better place with her in it. Prayers for her family now and in the days ahead.

Leia Molyneux - September 02, 2025 at 09:32 AM

CH

“ I worked with Bonnie at FMC - she was such a kind soul, and I often told her how much she reminded me of grandmother who had passed. She will be missed ❤️ Deepest sympathies to the family.

Crystal Harsin - August 31, 2025 at 02:14 PM

FC

“ I had the pleasure of working with Bonnie at Family Medical Center many years ago. Such a good nurse. Professional and kind. Deepest Sympathy to her Family!

Fiana Crook - August 31, 2025 at 09:39 AM

NC

“ Always loved seeing Willie and Bonnie at church. They both genuinely cared for others, shared their smiles and greetings in a heartfelt manner. Not “good bye” but “see you later.”

Nhoeuy and Vickie Ches - August 31, 2025 at 12:24 AM

MS

“ I worked with Bonnie for many years at Family Medical Center. I enjoyed being her friend, she was such a sweet lady. She will be missed. My sympathies to her family.

Melinda Shanahan - August 30, 2025 at 10:02 PM

VB

“ So very sorry for your loss. Bonnie was an awesome lady. We will miss her



Vicki Barnett - August 30, 2025 at 04:40 PM

VL

“ Bonnie was such a sweet and kind person. Her smile was contagious! So happy that her and Willie are together again. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Vicki Latcham - August 30, 2025 at 02:19 PM



“ So many memories of Bonnie shopping for and with her daughters at World of Fabrics. We shared many laughs those days . My thoughts and prayers are with you all 🙏❤️

Lee Rice - August 30, 2025 at 02:06 PM