



## Delores Meadows

February 14, 1943 - April 29, 2023

Delores “Dee” Meadows, 80, of Oskaloosa, passed away Saturday, April 29, 2023, at the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Delores Jean Meadows, daughter of Garret J. and Jozena “Josie” (De Geus) Dieleman, was born February 14, 1943, near Monroe, IA. As a young child, she lived on a farm near Pella; while she was still quite young, the family moved to Oskaloosa, where she attended Oskaloosa Christian School. While in eighth grade, her family returned to Pella, where she finished her education, graduating in 1961 from Pella Christian High School. Dee continued her education at Iowa State University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Food & Nutrition in 1965. While in college, Dee met the love of her life, Gary J. Meadows. They were married on May 29, 1964, in Pella, Iowa, and spent the first year of life together in Pammell Court in Ames. Gary’s first job took them to Atkins, IA, for a year; then, in 1966, he enlisted in the Army. His position took them to New Jersey, Georgia, and Kansas. In 1969, Gary was discharged from the Army when he accepted a position with Monsanto. His job as district sales manager took them to Garner, IA, St. Louis, MO, Decatur, IL, and Des Moines, IA. While they lived in Des Moines, Dee worked as a Dietary Supervisor at Calvin Community Retirement Center. Dee and Gary moved to Maquoketa, IA, in 1995, and in 1997 they moved to Oskaloosa. Dee was a Central Church member, a Bible Leader for Faith Circle, and led the Oasis Group. She served as an organist for over 65 years in the churches she

attended. She was also a member of the Oskaloosa Women's Club, Mahaska County Family and Consumer Science Club, and a Bridge and Pitch group. She enjoyed bowling and was an ISU Cyclones sports and St. Louis Cardinals fan.

Dee's family includes a son, Lyle J. Meadows, and grandson, Jesse J. Meadows of Iowa City; and a daughter and son-in-law, Leanne J. & Edward Rahe and grandson, Erik A. Rahe of St. Louis, MO; her siblings: Bill Dieleman of Bella Vista, AR; Reuvena Bruxvoort of Oskaloosa; and Robert (Florence) Dieleman of Pella, IA; and sisters-in-law, Karen Mefferd and Karol Hast, both of Denison, IA.

She was preceded in death by her parents and parents-in-law, Lyle and Frances Meadows; her husband, Gary, on September 17, 2010; her brother and sister-in-law, Marvin and Marlene Dieleman; sister-in-law, Emily Dieleman; brother-in-law, Stan Bruxvoort; brothers-in-law: Roger Mefferd and John Hast.

Funeral services for Dee will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at Central Church in Oskaloosa, with Pastor Jon Nelson officiating. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery near Pella. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Monday, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 4-7 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to Bible League International or Mahaska Health Foundation for the Hospice Serenity House. Watch Dee's service at <https://livestream.com/centralchurch> at service time or at your convenience.

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Cemetery

2270 Graceland, DR  
Pella, IA 50219

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

*The family will greet visitors from 4-7 p.m.*

## Funeral Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Central Church  
815 2nd Ave. East  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

*Watch Dee's service at <https://livestream.com/centralchurch> at service time or at your convenience.*

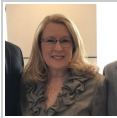
# Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Delores Meadows*



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**Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory** - April 30, 2023 at 11:02 AM



*Log on at service time or later to watch Dee' service.*

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**Shawn Langkamp** - April 30, 2023 at 11:04 AM



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Delores Meadows*



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**Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory** - April 29, 2023 at 05:32 PM

JM

*Beautiful! Such wonderful memories of Aunt Dee. She will be so missed.*

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**Jacki Matter** - April 29, 2023 at 09:17 PM

MP

*So many good memories of Aunt Delores! Growing up I remember her warm smile and big hug whenever I saw her. She called me in January when my brother passed and we had such a nice talk. She will be missed. The life tribute was beautiful.*

**Mary Dieleman Price** - May 02, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *Delores Meadows*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Dee will be missed at our monthly Family & Consumer Science meetings. I always enjoyed visiting with her.*

**Cheryl Benson** - May 01, 2023 at 04:27 PM

LO

“ *Sending prayers to your family for comfort. Dee was such a fun and caring person.*

**Lori Olson** - May 01, 2023 at 01:45 PM

MS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Dee's family. She was a special lady and friend. We shared great times together and long phone conversations.*

*Marilyn Van Soelen*

**Marilyn Van Soelen** - April 30, 2023 at 06:27 PM

AL

“ Ted and I send our heartfelt condolences in the loss of Delores from this life. We take comfort in knowing she is more alive than she has ever been, in the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If my memory and statistics are correct, Delores was the third youngest of the De Geus cousins. Janice and I (Arlene) are the youngest. The last time I saw her was on our last trip to Pella for my 50th Pella High School Reunion in 2016. Included in that weekend was a cousins get-together in Oskaloosa, hosted by Delores and Reuvena. I so enjoyed watching the video on this website with photos of her life. Ted and I plan to watch the livestream of her funeral service as well. We are praying for all of the family as you mourn her loss and adjust to her absence.

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**Arlene Vander Loon** - April 30, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Delores Meadows.



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April 30, 2023 at 01:04 PM



“ 84 files added to the album Life Tributes



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - April 29, 2023 at 04:58 PM



“ Love and prayers to her family! Dee touched many lives with her smile and kind heart. Enjoyed our bowling days and other occasions!



Mary Sandholdt - April 29, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ When Reuvena introduced her sister to me thru bowling many years ago, her smile was so infectious. When I knew her better thru Church Women United, band concerts, birthday lunches, I knew she was a faithful follower of Jesus. She sent cards during my illness with all the right things said. What a friend! My sympathy to Lyle and LeAnn and their families along with sister Reuvena and families.



Becke Arnold - April 29, 2023 at 02:17 PM