



Inez Kirk

December 16, 1931 - September 14, 2021

Inez Kirk, 89, of Oskaloosa, passed away Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Inez Letha Kirk, daughter of Albert and Mabel (Steenhoek) DeJong, was born December 26, 1931, at the home of her parents near Leighton, Iowa. She attended country school near Leighton and then Oskaloosa High School. After completing her education, Inez helped her parents at home. She married Hank Van Kooten in 1948, and to that union, two children, Dean and Linda, were born. She and Hank later divorced. Inez was primarily a stay-at-home mom, but she took in laundry and ironing to help supplement the family's income. In 1964, Inez married Kenneth Kirk; they, too, later divorced. After her children were raised, Inez was employed at Pella Corp and later as a receptionist at Walton's Insurance for ten years. In 1979, she moved to Springfield, Missouri, to be closer to her children. While living in Springfield, she worked at Zenith Corporation and later for her son, Dean, in his business ventures. Inez later returned to Oskaloosa, and since her return, she has been a member of the Good News Chapel.

Throughout her lifetime, Inez enjoyed square dancing and buying and selling real estate. She was an avid NASCAR fan and loved watching football. Because her son, Dean, was a single parent, Inez was very instrumental in raising her grandchildren.

Her family includes her grandchildren: Lora (Glenn) Rinks, Lisa Van Kooten, Kayla Van Kooten and Dane Rinks, all of Springfield, MO; several nieces and nephews including a special niece, Shirley Ferguson.

In addition to her parents, Inez was preceded in death by her husband; her son Dean Van Kooten; her daughter, Linda Van Kooten; a sister, Willamina Lockard; and a brother, Gary DeJong.

Funeral Services for Inez will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, September 18, 2021 at Langkamp Funeral Chapel with Pastors Marvin Knoot and Jarrod Plants officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery near Leighton. The family will greet visitors from 9:30 a.m. to service time on Saturday. Memorial contributions can be made to Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Easton Ave. and 205th ST
Leighton, IA 50143

Previous Events

Family and Friends

SEP **18**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Inez Kirk*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *I met Inez through her friend, Gail. We enjoyed meals out with mutual friends. I didn't get to know Inez very well, but I know she loved her family, and she had a great sense of humor. I'm sorry for the family's loss.*

Toby Morris - September 24, 2021 at 10:58 PM



“ *Inez worked at Sears Roebuck for my dad, Harold Kelderman. Our family always enjoyed Inez and her friendly smile! Christian Sympathy to her family from Harold and Elsie Kelderman family Nancy, Mary, Dan and Dennis*



Mary Kelly - September 24, 2021 at 10:33 PM



“ *Condolences to Inez's family. I knew her for 40 years and will miss her as many others will. Rest in Peace, dear friend. Gail Stemmons*

Gail Stemmons - September 24, 2021 at 07:10 PM

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“ so sorry for your loss. She was a special friend of mine. I will miss her.

Shirley Sade - September 22, 2021 at 10:24 AM



“ 4 files added to the album Life Tributes



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - September 17, 2021 at 08:21 PM

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“ Oh my, I have no words seeing this today. I did not know she was in hospice. I would have come seen her. We became friends and I adored her. She was a light in so many eyes. I will miss her dearly.



Angie Caves - September 17, 2021 at 06:16 PM



“ 134 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - September 17, 2021 at 06:06 PM

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“ *Ivonne, Rob, Gary, Joan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Inez Kirk.*



Ivonne, Rob, Gary, Joan - September 16, 2021 at 05:43 PM

LW

“ *Good friend of mine. We used to work together. So sorry for your loss.*



Lavoe Worrall - September 15, 2021 at 04:51 PM

SH

“ Shirley Hunt lit a candle in memory of Inez Kirk



Shirley Hunt - September 15, 2021 at 03:47 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss...she called me when she moved back!!Due to Covid we never could get together..Feel bad about that!! Prayers to family!!! 🙏🙏🙏💖

Shirley Hunt - September 15, 2021 at 03:46 PM