



Janet Elaine Hankins

January 7, 1931 - September 2, 2018

Janet Hankins, 87, of Eddyville passed away Sunday, September 2, 2018, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

Janet Elaine Hankins, daughter of John and Mary (Sickle) Hynick, was born January 7, 1931, in Harrison Township, near Eddyville, Iowa. She attended Iowa Central country school and graduated from Eddyville High School in 1949. Following her education, Jan moved to Waterloo where she worked as a secretary for the union at John Deere Manufacturing. On a trip to Forbes Field in Topeka, KS with her sister, Janet met her future husband, Ivan, a young Air Force Lieutenant, on a blind date. Romance blossomed, and she soon moved to Houston, Texas, where they married, April 9, 1954. They remained there until 1959, when Ivan was discharged. They returned to Iowa and settled on a farm near Tracy and lived there until 1966. They then moved to a farm on Indian Way. Janet was very involved in their poultry operation until it was destroyed by a tornado in 1979. She then held a variety of jobs at Oskaloosa Schools, Cablevey, William Penn College, and most recently at the Eddyville Library. In 2003, Jan and Ivan moved from the farm into Eddyville. Janet's faith was paramount in her life. She was very involved at St. John Lutheran Church; she served as financial secretary, in the Altar Guild and also in the Lutheran Women's Mission League. She enjoyed the beauty of God's creation and loved feeding the birds. She enjoyed gardening and also cooking for her family.

Her family includes her children and their spouses: Shari and Robert Barnhart

of University Park and Ivan Dale and LaDawn Hankins of Waterloo, IA; grandchildren: Danielle French of North Liberty, Amanda (Carrie) Krienert of Waterloo, Mandy (Chuck) Quick of Ottumwa, Holden (Nikki) Barnhart of Oskaloosa, and Bailey and Boston Barnhart, both of University Park and 14 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Lillyan Williams and a brother, John Hynick.

In addition to her parents, Jan was preceded in death by her husband, Ivan on May 28, 2010, a grandson, Robert Barnhart Jr. and two brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services for Janet will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, September 6, 2018, at St. John Lutheran Church with Rev. Sam Beltz officiating. Burial will be at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery near Van Meter, IA. Visitation begins at noon on Wednesday; the family will greet visitors from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday evening. Memorials can be made to St. John Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

Iowa Veterans Cemetery

34024 Veterans Memorial Drive
Adel, IA 50003-3300
<https://va.iowa.gov/cemetery>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

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Funeral

SEP 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church
2370 Merino Avenue
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
(641) 673-6546
secretary@stjohnosky.org
<https://stjohnosky.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ Janet Elaine Hankins

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ Your mom was one of the most genuine, kind people I have had the pleasure of meeting. She always had a beautiful smile waiting for those she came in contact with. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Katie Beerbower

KATIE BEERBOWER - September 06, 2018 at 02:08 PM



“ Janet played basketball all 4 years in high School The H.S. Supt referred to her as bulle She was a great gal. Marion True class of 1949

marion True - September 06, 2018 at 11:53 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Janet Elaine Hankins.



September 05, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* was purchased for the family of Janet Elaine Hankins.



September 04, 2018 at 10:19 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Janet Elaine Hankins.



September 04, 2018 at 09:19 PM



“ *47 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - September 04, 2018 at 08:15 PM

JL

“ *Judy And Larry Lewus lit a candle in memory of Janet Elaine Hankins*



Judy and Larry Lewus - September 03, 2018 at 10:17 PM

CP

“ *Carole Paulos lit a candle in memory of Janet Elaine Hankins*



Carole Paulos - September 03, 2018 at 07:35 PM

JB

“ *I met Janet when I moved to Eddyville four years ago. She was such a gracious lady and I so enjoyed visiting with her. I am so sorry for your loss. Janice Bennett*

Janice Bennett - September 03, 2018 at 07:11 PM

AK

“ *I always enjoyed visiting with her when she worked at the WP bookstore. She was my supporter. Sorry for for your loss. Allison ketter*

Allison ketter - September 03, 2018 at 05:37 PM

CP

I met Janice from her working at the Eddyville Library. She was always so nice and friendly, and always had a smile for everyone. She will be sadly missed by many.

Carole Paulos

Carole Paulos - September 03, 2018 at 07:33 PM

VV

My heartfelt condolences go out to your family. I will miss the presence of a truly lovable and kind person. She was like family to me and all of us at the Eddyville Library will miss her smiling face. Bless her heart.

Vicki Vroegh - September 03, 2018 at 07:48 PM