



## Janet Elaine Stafford

January 23, 1938 - April 15, 2022

Janet Stafford, 84, of Des Moines, passed away Friday, April 15, 2022, at Edencrest of Beavertdale in Des Moines, Iowa.

Janet Elaine Stafford was born on January 23, 1938, to Earl and Iva (Harvey) Kentfield in Oskaloosa, Iowa. She was baptized on April 10, 1938 and confirmed on March 28, 1948 at Central United Methodist Church. Janet was a 1956 graduate of Oskaloosa High School and then attended Simpson College, where she earned a two-year teaching certificate. Janet taught first in Webster City for seven years. While there, Janet met Rodney Stafford, and the two were married in 1962. The couple then moved to Urbandale, where she taught 1st grade for two years. Janet took a break from teaching to raise her family and resumed teaching in 1973, at which time she served as Director and teacher of Little Lambs Preschool at Mount Olive Lutheran Church and School. She taught there for five years and later volunteered and substitute taught at the school.

Janet was a member of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Des Moines, IA, and was very active in Luther Care Services and Luther Park Auxulary, where she served on the board of directors. She was active in church women's groups including LWML. Janet enjoyed reading, cooking, sewing, volunteering and making quilts for World Relief. She loved spending time with her family.

Janet's family includes three daughters, Mary (David) Nunez of Milwaukee, WI, Sara Stafford of Des Moines, IA, and Heidi (Jeff) Rains of Urbandale, IA; and three grandsons, Evan, Nolan, and Dylan Rains and nieces Sue Rush, Rhonda Kolartis, Terri Bivens, Toni Smith and nephews Craig Bjork, Allen George and families.

In addition to her parents and her husband Rodney, Janet was preceded in death by a sister, Delores Kentfield Swanson, Brother and sisters in law, Norman and Betty Stafford, Verla George, and nephew Michael Stafford.

Memorial services for Janet will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, April 29, 2022, at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Des Moines, Iowa, with Pastor Gerald Menk officiating. The burial will be in Forest Cemetery in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m., Thursday at the church. Memorial contributions can be made to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and School in Des Moines.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
[secretary@forestcemetery.com](mailto:secretary@forestcemetery.com)  
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 28.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church  
5625 Franklin Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50310  
[contact@molcs.org](mailto:contact@molcs.org)  
<https://molcs.org/church/>

## Memorial Service

**APR 29.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church  
5625 Franklin Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50310  
[contact@molcs.org](mailto:contact@molcs.org)  
<https://molcs.org/church/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Janet Elaine Stafford

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Janet Elaine Stafford.



April 27, 2022 at 09:47 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Janet Elaine Stafford.



April 27, 2022 at 02:17 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Janet Elaine Stafford.



April 26, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ 147 files added to the album Life Tributes



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - April 25, 2022 at 05:53 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Janet Elaine Stafford.*



April 25, 2022 at 12:15 PM

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“ *Nunez, Keon & Kirchner families purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Janet Elaine Stafford.*



**Nunez, Keon & Kirchner families** - April 22, 2022 at 08:29 AM

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“ *Janet and I went to grade school and High school together. She was always happy and upbeat. She was a good friend.*

**Dena Johnson Roorda** - April 20, 2022 at 05:19 PM

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“ *Dena Johnson Roorda lit a candle in memory of Janet Elaine Stafford*



**Dena Johnson Roorda** - April 20, 2022 at 05:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janet Elaine Stafford.*



April 19, 2022 at 10:27 PM