



Janice Funk

September 16, 1941 - September 22, 2024

Janice Funk, 83, of Keomah Village, passed away Sunday, September 22, 2024, at Pella Regional Health Center.

Janice Funk, daughter of Joe Tom Cowart and Evelyn Daugherty, was born on September 16, 1941, in Tecumseh, MO. Due to her mother's job with Greyhound, they lived in several states before settling in Des Moines, IA, in 1950. Janice graduated from Des Moines Technical High School and then attended college in Des Moines. She fell in love with the neighbor boy, Ronnie, at age 12. On December 23, 1961, at the Des Moines Christian Church, Janice and Ronald Earl Funk were united in marriage. They lived in Des Moines until Mid-American Energy transferred Ronnie to Oskaloosa in 1968.

Janice's first job in Oskaloosa was with Family Medical Center, where she worked from 1970 – 1973 and helped computerize their accounting system. She was then hired by Mahaska Oil Company and worked there for 14 years. She worked at Mich Coal Company for three years before going to work with her mother at Iowa Travel and then starting E.T. Travel in Oskaloosa.

Janice enjoyed many hobbies and activities throughout her life; she loved bowling and, at one time, was the highest scorer in Oskaloosa; she was part of the Bowling Hall of Fame and participated in 25 bowling tournaments.

Janice was an avid Bingo player; she regularly played in Oskaloosa and Tama. She even enjoyed stopping on road trips for a Bingo game. Playing golf and motorcycle riding with good friends were a few of her favorite activities.

Janice and Ronnie were married for over 60 years; as she looked back at her life, she expressed her thankfulness for their many friends, her nieces and nephews, and her faith in God for making her life rich and full.

Her family includes her siblings: Jerry Thomas (Maria) Cowart of Mammoth, AZ, Cheryl Jean (Ron) Turner of Ankeny, and Arthur Douglas (Kathy Crees) Thompson of Waukee; nephews and nieces: Valerie (Randy) Jackson of Des Moines, Derald Judson Jr. (fiancée, Jodie Hutzell) of Altoona, Leslee R. Judson of Des Moines, Regina (Mark) Melvin of Ankeny, Brian (Nichole) Thompson, Scott Turner of Ankeny, Summer (Adam) Sonduck, and a sister-in-law, Debbie Cowart of Dallas, TX.

In addition to her parents, Janice was preceded in death by her husband, Ronnie; two sisters-in-law, Sharon Kaye and Lorreta Cowart; a brother-in-law, Derald Judson; and two nephews, Brett and Mark Cowart.

Funeral services for Janice will be held on Friday, September 27, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory in Oskaloosa, with Rev. Molly Goodrich from First Christian Church officiating. Visitation will begin on Friday at 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will be at Forest Cemetery in Oskaloosa, following the funeral service. Memorial contributions may be made in her name written to Cheryl Turner to help the nieces and nephews with their college educations.

Cemetery Details

Forest Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SM

“ I met her at bingo at the VFW in Oskaloosa.
I would also see her at the family restaurant on
different occasions. She was a very nice lady.
I'm sure she will be missed by.
All.
Fly high God speed. My friend I will miss you,
As always, Sheryl.



Sheryl McCain - October 18, 2024 at 08:25 AM

SU

“ I met Janice while working at TD&T. She was very nice and funny
person and I enjoyed conversations with her.
So sorry for your loss.
Susan Gunnell

Susan - September 30, 2024 at 09:49 AM

LE

“ On September 22, 2024, I not only lost my Aunt Janice but someone that has always been there for me. She will be missed by me every day for the rest of my life. I will miss the phone ringing several times a day “just to check in”. Aunt Janice was not only there for me, but she was with my mother until the end of her life also. I know in my heart that my mother and aunt are together again and will watch over me until we can all be together. In many conversations with Aunt Janice, she told me that it is her wish that friends and family would donate to the spay and neuter program and help the elderly care for their pets at Mahaska Veterinary Clinic, Dr. Theresa Carmichael at 2348 IA-92 Oskaloosa 52577. Dr Carmichael cared for Aunt Janice and Uncle Ronnie’s beloved cat, Buddy, for his lifetime. Thank you to all that have cared. Leslee Judson

leslee - September 24, 2024 at 08:49 PM

MS

“ Rest in peace, Jan. You are finally home.
Paul & Mary



Mary Smith-Riggs - September 24, 2024 at 09:45 AM

RC

“ Rhonda Callison lit a candle in memory of
Janice Funk



Rhonda Callison - September 24, 2024 at 07:44 AM

BA

“ *Becke Arnold lit a candle in memory of Janice Funk*



Becke Arnold - September 23, 2024 at 11:44 PM

JS

“ *Jerry And Chris Slobe lit a candle in memory of Janice Funk*



Jerry and Chris Slobe - September 23, 2024 at 11:28 PM

CR

“ *Janis was such a blessing to so many. In the last several months, I have been able to go and spend time with her. Always a sweet comment when I arrived, "where have you been baby girl?" Janis was loved by many, and she'll most definitely be missed, by many. I know I'll truly miss my friend, Janis. Love you, my friend.*

Catherine White Rice - September 23, 2024 at 07:24 PM