



## Jean DeKock Veldhuizen

April 10, 1933 - August 27, 2018

Jean DeKock Veldhuizen, 85, of Oskaloosa passed away Monday, August 27, 2018, at the Oskaloosa Care Center in Oskaloosa.

Wilma Jean Ringelestein was born, April 10, 1933, to William and Jeanette (Klein) Ringelestein at the rural home of her parents near Lake Keomah in Mahaska County, Iowa. As a child, she helped with the farm work and assisted with household duties due to her mother's failing health. Jean graduated from Oskaloosa High School with the class of 1951; while in school she worked part-time at the Kresge Department Store and after graduating, went to work full-time at the A & P Grocery Store as a checker.

In 1950, Jean met Engel De Kock, and they married on April 15, 1953. One week later he was drafted into the US military; although he was not yet a citizen, nor was he 20 years old (a draft requirement). While in the military Engel gained his US citizenship.

Jean followed Engel to Ft. Chafee, Arkansas, where he was stationed for his basic training. She returned to Oskaloosa after six months when Engel received orders to serve overseas. Jean resumed her job at A & P Grocery upon her return to Oskaloosa. After Engel's discharge from the military, Jean and Engel moved to her parent's farm and they began working for her father, Bill Ringelestein. In the early 60's, when Engel decided to change careers,

they left the farm and moved to their acreage on the north edge of Oskaloosa. It was about that time that Jean began working at Stonehenge, a new supper club in Oskaloosa. Jean was also employed as a secretary for the Oskaloosa School's administration department. She managed both jobs and a busy family for many years, retiring in early 2000.

Engel passed away in January 1998. Jean was blessed to find love for the second time when she married Larry Veldhuizen, June 14, 2003. Sunday dinners were a much-anticipated tradition at Jean's home; she loved gathering her family around the table and delighting them with her delicious home cooking. Her family was not the only ones blessed by her gift of hospitality – her generosity of time, talents and resources overflowed to her neighbors, friends, and anyone she saw in need.

At the age of 17, Jean devoted her life to Christ when she joined the First Christian Reformed Church, and she has been a member of the Central Reformed Church for many years. In her younger years, Jean was a member of the Oskaloosa Jayceettes and the Young Republicans. She served as the Spring Creek Township Clerk for about 20 years. Jean was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary since 1960. After her retirement, Jean volunteered for two years at the Knoxville V.A. Hospital.

Center in Oskaloosa at the age of 85 years, 4 months and 17 days.

Jean's family includes her husband, Larry Veldhuizen of Oskaloosa; her children: Stephen (Kris) De Kock of Hendersonville, TN; Doug (Sharon) De Kock of Oskaloosa; Jayne (Jim) Wake of Clive; and Sandy (Greg) Bailey of Oskaloosa; step-children: Doug (Jen) Veldhuizen of Grand Haven, MI and Vickie (Chad) of Allison, IA; eight grandchildren: Joshua (Caron Weldin) Bandstra of Waukee; Jessica (Brandon) Blommers of Oskaloosa; Tasha De Kock (Tadd Duncan) of Westminster, CO; Kace DeKock of Wuxu, China; Brittnay (Joshua) Meininger of Tacoma Park, MD; Morgan Bailey (Brady

Burford) of Oskaloosa; and Keaton and Tanner De Kock of Oskaloosa; six step-grandchildren: Leigh Ann (Dino) Whipple of West Des Moines; Damon Wake of Phoenix, AZ; Emma and Grace Veldhuizen of Grand Haven, MI, and Jacob Kruse of Allison, IA and Aarron (Tara) Lamb of Frankfort, KY; seven great-grandchildren: Charlie Bandstra, Presley, Sadie Jean and Gibson Blommers, Jaxson Bailey Woods and Tobias Burford; Iain Gabriel Meininger; six step-great-grandchildren: Emily and Jack Whipple, and Connor, Jaxson, Logan and Mason Lamb; sisters: Betty Ann Huyser of Oskaloosa, Mary (Dick) Ver Heul of Ames, IA; and Dorothy (Don) Groenendyk of Leighton, IA; and sisters-in-law: Jennie (John) Veenstra of Pella and Nancy De Kock of Marshalltown and her husband Larry's eight siblings.

In addition to her parents and her first husband; Jean was preceded in death by a grandchild, Abby Layne Bailey.

Funeral Services for Jean will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, August 29, 2018, at the Central Reformed Church in Oskaloosa with Rev. Jon Nelson officiating. A Family Prayer Service will be held at 1:45 p.m. in the East Lounge prior to the service. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery. Visitation will begin after noon on Tuesday at Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory. The family will be present from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday evening.

In lieu of flowers, the family appreciates memorials can be made to MHP Hospice Serenity House or Oskaloosa Indians Booster Club for a future memorial.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 28.** 12:00 PM (CT)

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

## Family Visitation

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

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## Funeral

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AUG **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Central Reformed Church  
815 2nd Ave. East  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
[d.langkamp@mahaska.org](mailto:d.langkamp@mahaska.org)

# Tribute Wall



“ Jean DeKock Veldhuizen

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ Beckynetten lit a candle in memory of Jean DeKock Veldhuizen



Beckynetten - September 03, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ Steve so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. May you find comfort. I know she will be missed dearly.

Cindy (Luzadder) Williams - August 30, 2018 at 01:53 PM



“ So sorry for your loss 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Barbara Donohue and Dick Donohue - August 29, 2018 at 12:34 PM

EH

“ To all of the families:  
We are so sorry to hear of Jeans passing. We remember Jean fondly as kids growing up , and also in later life, as she was so kind to our mother.

*May she Rest In Peace, Hers was a life well lived.*

*Janet Hasselman McBeth*

*Beth Hasselman*

*Elvin Hasselman*

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**Elizabeth Hasselman** - August 29, 2018 at 12:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jean DeKock Veldhuizen.*



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August 28, 2018 at 09:45 PM

LS

“ *My deepest sympathy to Jean's children, spouse and family. My memory of Jean is her mega watt smile and joyful laugh which of course only added to her effervescent personality. Lois Scott*

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**Lois Scott** - August 28, 2018 at 05:41 PM

YC

“ *Your Friends at Valley Church purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jean DeKock Veldhuizen.*



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**Your Friends at Valley Church** - August 28, 2018 at 04:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean DeKock Veldhuizen.* ”

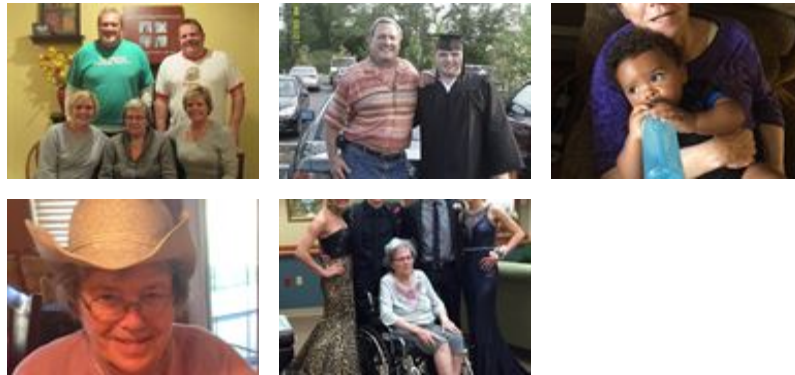


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August 28, 2018 at 04:18 PM



“ *153 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



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**Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory** - August 28, 2018 at 11:28 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean DeKock Veldhuizen.* ”



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August 28, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ *Oh my so sorry for this...thoughts and prayers offered for all of you.* ”

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**Theresa Grahek** - August 28, 2018 at 08:30 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Jean DeKock Veldhuizen.*



August 28, 2018 at 08:28 AM



“ *Jayne, Sandy, Steve, Doug, My thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your families. Your mother was a wonderful person and easy to talk to also.*



**Nancy Stapp McCurdy** - August 28, 2018 at 07:28 AM



“ *Karen Denburger lit a candle in memory of Jean DeKock Veldhuizen*



**Karen Denburger** - August 27, 2018 at 11:15 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean DeKock Veldhuizen.*



August 27, 2018 at 09:25 PM

JF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Jeans children and family, sorry for your loss. Jeff & Jill Ferguson

Jeff & Jill Ferguson - August 27, 2018 at 07:07 PM



“ the journey is over bless her heart my heart goes out to all of you sending prayers for comfort and healing. Jean a wonderful lady. so kind and helpful rest in peace sweet lady you've got a lot of family with sad hearts they will all miss you so much

Marty Burke - August 27, 2018 at 06:22 PM



Your burdons are lifted and given wings to soar!! We will miss seeing you but have grateful hearts for knowing you Jean. 🥹 Cindy Reeves-Oskaloosa Care Center

Cindy Reeves - August 27, 2018 at 09:10 PM

SW

“ So sorry for your loss...I appreciated Jeans tender care after my husbands passing...it was good to have someone there to count on...blessings to all of her family



Sherry Willey - August 27, 2018 at 05:07 PM

KV

“ Expressing our deep sympathy at this difficult and sad time in your lives. Greben and Kathy Veenstra

Kathy Veenstra - August 27, 2018 at 04:11 PM

KL

“ *Your beautiful mother is now home with our Lord. May you find comfort in all of your memories. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.*

*Kathy Job Larsen*

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**Kathy Larsen** - August 27, 2018 at 04:04 PM