



Joyce Nikkel

March 18, 1937 - March 28, 2026

Joyce Marie (Roose) Nikkel was born on March 18, 1937. She was the oldest child of Gerrit and Tena Roose. Joyce attended Peoria Christian Grade School and graduated from Pella Christian High School in 1954. Following high school, Joyce helped her dad on the farm. She also helped various families in the area who needed extra help in their homes. On Feb 29, 1956, she was united in marriage with Robert G. Nikkel at her parents' home.

To this union, six children were born: Verlan, Beverly, Karen, Kevin, Brian, and Bradley. Bob and Joyce farmed in the Sully area and northeast of Monroe before moving to Peoria in 1959. While in Peoria, Joyce babysat and worked at the Pella Motor Inn from 1977 to 1979. In 1981, they moved to Pella, where she assisted Bob with numerous new home finishes and was employed at Rolscreen from 1981 to 1983. She began a long career in housekeeping at Pella Regional Health Center in 1988 and continued until 2011. Joyce had a special talent for keeping her rooms sparkling clean and helping residents feel special.

Joyce was baptized and made her Profession of Faith at Peoria Christian Reformed Church and was a present member of Calvary CRC. Joyce was involved with the Peoria School Circle, Calvary CRC Mission Circle, and Coffee Break. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, and nature, but her greatest attribute was her faith and love for family. Joyce's family has grown to include

her six children's families: 12 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and 28 great-grandchildren. On Saturday, March 28, 2026, Joyce passed away in hospice care at Westridge Care Center at the age of 89. Joyce's family thanks God for giving her to them and, in return, gives her back to live in eternal glory with her Heavenly Father.

Verlan and Sherrilyn Nikkel – Cory and Courtney Nikkel – Keira, Macklin
Kyle and Hanna Nikkel – Sawyer, Rowyn, Keldyn, Bowdy

Bev (and the late Jim) Van Zee – Sara Van Zee
Kimmy and Zach Marsh—Maddy, Waylon & Kinzley, Bowen

Kevin and Kathleen Nikkel- Lucas and Leah Nikkel – Hope, Elora, Reece, Isla
Kayla and Daniel Nemmers - Annabelle, Finn, Roman, Elliot

Karen and Blair Holett – Shelly and Dave Schurman – Madelyn, Addison,
Elijah, Elise

Rebecca and Ross Slagter – Sophia, Aubree, Harper

Trisha Robinson – Tay, Kayleigha, David Jr.

Matt Holett

Brian and Anne Nikkel – Brianna

Zachary and Kathryn Nikkel

Grayson

Brad Nikkel

Joyce is also survived by her brother Arvin Roose, along with the following sisters-in-law and brother-in-law: Lillian Nikkel, and Jean & Verland Engle, all of Pella.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, on July 20, 1987; her parents, Gerrit and Tena; two stepmothers: Tena and Adriana; two infant sisters; son-in-law, Jim Van Zee; step-grandson, John Holett; and the following sisters-in-law and brothers-in law: Bonnie Roose, Judy Roose, Kathleen (Charles) Fopma, Dewey (Betty) Nikkel, Bill Nikkel, Joyce (Gilbert) Bandstra

Memorials can be made out to Pella Christian Schools in Joyce's name.

A memorial open house will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

LS

“ Sorry to hear of Joyce passing . She was a sweet lady.



Lisa sharp - April 26 at 07:39 PM

RB

“ My favorite person always looked up when she heard my voice, greeted me with a friendly smile, and sometimes even giggled. Her family was truly remarkable, and it was evident that Joyce had done an exceptional job raising them. I am so grateful that she will be reunited with her loved ones in heaven. She will be deeply missed!

ROCHELLE BRALEY - April 04 at 11:45 PM

BD

“ My sympathy to all the family. Lots of memories from Peoria area and 4H events.

Beth Dieleman - April 03 at 12:48 PM

JZ

“ Sympathy to her family. May they experience the true meaning of Easter and the promise of salvation.



Jim & Christy Van Zee - April 02 at 05:43 AM

SK

“ I remember working with Joyce at Pella Corp
She was such a nice person
Thoughts and prayers for you
Sheryl Kersey

Sheryl Kersey - April 01 at 08:27 PM

KH

“ Joyce was a very special person and she was one of best people I
had the pleasure of working with. She will be missed by many.
So sorry for the loss. Thoughts and prayers for family and friends.

Kevin Den Hartog - April 01 at 03:20 PM

LH

“ Great Aunt Joyce. I know God is welcoming
you home with open Arms. I remember my
first couple of memories with Joyce I
remember saying to mom wait? I have more
than one Aunt Joyce. I Rember many
memories with the Pella Tulip time celebrations Ide some how run
into her at the festivals I feel like over the years she became the
face of many Nikkle/ Fopma events love Lisa Hilton



Lisa Hilton - March 31 at 09:31 PM

DE

“ I have so many memories of Bob and Joyce and the Nikkel family.
Joyce now is free from her earthly diseases praising God in heaven.
Praying for peace and comfort for the family.

Deb Van Ee - March 31 at 07:57 PM

KS

I loved chatting with aunt Joyce. she worked in housekeeping at the nursing home many years.

Kathy Steenhoek - April 03 at 04:47 PM