



## Joyce Thomas

October 6, 1933 - March 22, 2022

Helen “Joyce” Thomas of Beacon passed away on March 22, 2022, at Crystal Heights Care Center in Oskaloosa.

Joyce Thomas, daughter of Merrill and Carol (Andeway) Chapman, was born October 6, 1933, in rural Oskaloosa, Iowa. Growing up, Joyce was one of seven children. Joyce attended Oskaloosa High School, and after her education, Joyce married Richard “Dick” Thomas on December 31, 1949, in Lancaster, Missouri. Initially, Joyce stayed home and raised her family. In 1969, she began working for the family business, Thomas Sanitation, as the office manager. She and Dick enjoyed many years working together and were blessed to be able to sell their business to their son Richard in 1984.

Joyce stayed busy and continued working for Barnhouse Publishing and Lynn’s Poultry in Oskaloosa, but later returned to the family business in 1993 and continued as office manager until her final retirement in 2013.

Joyce enjoyed various activities, but some that were special to her included square dancing, traveling, camping, and being around her family.

Her family includes her son, Richard Thomas Jr., of Beacon, IA, her daughter Bettie (Bill) Brendlinger, of Iowa City, IA, four grandchildren, Jodie (Anne) Schimke of Ainsworth, IA, Richard “R.J.” (Tammy) Thomas of Carmel, IN, Laura Mickels of Fairfield, IA, and Jennifer (Shawn) Maxwell of Beacon, IA, 13 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, a sister Shirley Glassford of Melcher, IA and a brother Bernie (Dixie) Chapman of Beacon, IA.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Dick, three

grandchildren, Danny Thomas, Amy Pettyjohn, and Randi Jo O'Leary, a sister Phyllis Titus and three brothers, Larry, Ivan, and Merrill, in infancy.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 28, 2022, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel and Crematory, with Rev. Alvern Boetsma of Good News Chapel officiating. Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, March 27, 2022, with the family present to greet visitors from 2-4 p.m. Burial will be in Beacon Cemetery following the funeral service. Memorials may be made in her name and will be designated later.

# Cemetery Details

## Beacon Cemetery

1860 260th ST  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Friends and Family

MAR 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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MAR **28**. 10:30 AM.

Langkamp Funeral Chapel And Crematory

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Thomas*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM

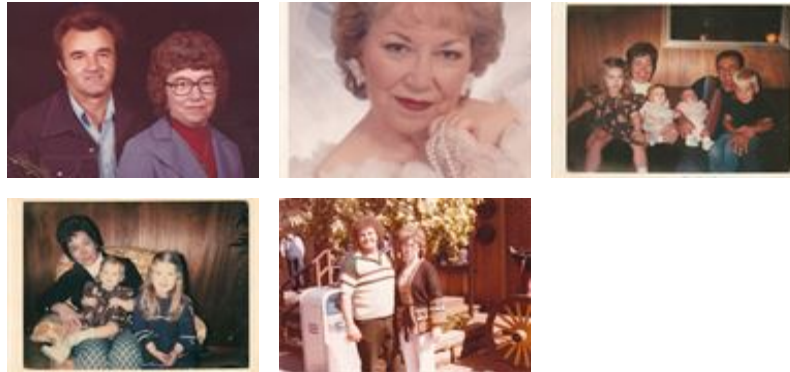


“ *Rich and Bettie, your mom was the office mgr at the publishing company when I started working there in 1979. I was impressed by her work ethic and skills in the front office. A bundle of fun to work along with as we balanced the accounts! She had a great sense of humor and unique ability to maintain a conversation. She was friends with everyone. After she retired I always enjoyed meeting her on the streets or in establishments. Full of smiles and I'll remember her that way.*

**Bob Barnhouse** - March 27, 2022 at 01:46 PM



“ *88 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory** - March 27, 2022 at 12:17 PM

DR

“ *Dena Roorda lit a candle in memory of Joyce Thomas*



Dena Roorda - March 25, 2022 at 03:12 PM

LK

“ *So very sorry for your loss, Joyce was a very wonderful caring woman !*



Linda King - March 25, 2022 at 10:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce Thomas.*



March 25, 2022 at 12:03 AM

LA

“ *To Joyce's family: I'm so sorry for your loss. Joyce and Dick were dear friend when Ron & I lived in Oskaloosa. She was a neat lady.*  
*Lou Krusemark Albers*

Lou Albers - March 24, 2022 at 09:53 PM

CF

“ *Chuck And Jackie Ferree lit a candle in memory of Joyce Thomas*



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**Chuck and Jackie Ferree** - March 24, 2022 at 04:29 PM

DL

“ *I always loved going to the reunions and visiting with my Aunts. Loved visiting with Aunt Joyce!! Loved going to their house with Dad and Mom in Beacon. Prayers to the family! Love you all!*

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**Debbie Lester** - March 24, 2022 at 04:16 PM