



Joyce Wymore

December 5, 1952 - January 25, 2021

Joyce Ann Wymore, 68, of Ames and formerly of Oskaloosa, passed away January 25, 2020, at her home in Ames, Iowa.

Joyce was born December 5, 1952 in Ottumwa, IA to Lester Dean “Red” and Helen Louise (Warnock) Snowbarger. The family later moved to Oskaloosa, Iowa with her younger brother Ron. She met her high school sweetheart Lee in high school band, and graduated from Oskaloosa High School with the class of 1971. Joyce then attended the University of Northern Colorado, and for a year Lee wrote her a letter every single day until he joined her in Colorado for college. She graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Preschool Education in 1975.

Joyce was united in marriage to Lee Allen Wymore on August 9, 1975 in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Joyce and Lee lived in Fort Collins, CO, where she taught preschool at the Loveland Day Care Center from 1975 to 1978. They then lived in Ithaca, NY, and Montreal, Quebec, Canada, where she focused on raising their two children, Meghan and Mathew. In 1990 the family moved back to Oskaloosa and she taught at the Mahaska County YMCA preschool. Joyce then served as librarian and then secretary at Webster Elementary, and then Oskaloosa Elementary until her retirement in 2012. After their children settled in Ames, Joyce and Lee followed them and Joyce oversaw the remodeling of their “Ames” home.

In her youth, Joyce played oboe in the band and served as Worthy Advisor in Rainbow Assembly No. 171. Later she spent many years as a Girl Scout

Troop Leader. She was active with the Oskaloosa High School Class of 1971, helping plan many reunions. Joyce enjoyed the company of her “girlfriends” and Bunco nights. She loved traveling with friends and family around the United States (especially Arizona) and Europe. Joyce also enjoyed camping trips, particularly to Poudre Canyon, CO, where she and Lee began camping in college and returned many times. Yet her real passion was her family, and becoming a “Mimi” to her beloved grandsons Henry and Alex was her greatest joy in life. She very much anticipated the upcoming arrival of grandchild #3. Joyce is survived by her husband of 45 years, Lee of Ames, her daughter Meghan (Jonathan Brand) Wymore Brand of Ames, her son Mathew (Megan Henson) Wymore of Ames, her two grandsons Henry and Alexander Brand, grandchild Wymore-Henson “on the way,” her brother Ron (Jackie) Snowbarger of Hiawatha, IA and three nieces, Jennifer Comfort, Elizabeth McBurney, and Jessica Snowbarger.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents and her sister-in-law Carol Snowbarger.

Memorials can be given to Mahaska Health Foundation (with a memo to the Infusion Center). As she received treatment for her endometrial cancer, she very much appreciated the care and support she received from the infusion nurses and other staff at the Oskaloosa Cancer Care and Infusion Center and the Mercy One Cancer Center in Des Moines. She grew to see these dedicated professionals as friends.

A private family memorial service will be held. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory has been entrusted with Joyce's arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Wymore*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *We had the privilege of working with Joyce at Webster Elementary and Oskaloosa Elementary. Joyce always knew what to say to parents, staff and most of all our students. Our thoughts and prayers to Lee and family.*

Neal and Marcia Hadden

Neal Hadden - February 01, 2021 at 10:06 PM



“ *Joyce was such a strong woman and I had much respect for her. As the secretary at Webster Elementary, I recall her energy, humor, and wit! Joyce was always on top of what ever was happening in that school. She will be sorely missed but God has his plans, which we must accept. Rest In Peace, Joyce. 🙏❤️*

De Brooke - January 29, 2021 at 11:22 PM



“ *Sending thoughts of peace and comfort to all. Joyce was one of my babysitters so many years ago and I remember her fondly.*

Lisa Klose (Lyddon) - January 29, 2021 at 10:12 AM

ST

“ Our love & prayers to all of you!

We really enjoyed Joyce, and all the warmth she brought to all of the family gatherings, and to each of us. We are saddened by her passing, and pray for your comfort and healing.

Sarah & Luke Foster & MR, C, T - January 28, 2021 at 01:57 PM

DO

“ *I haven't seen Joyce a lot since our kids left high school, but when I did, it was the bright spot in my day. Her warmth and kindness blessed so many people. My deepest sympathy to her dear family.*

Diane Ottosson

Diane Ottosson - January 27, 2021 at 08:58 PM

MM

“ *Joyce and I have been friends and classmates since second grade. We married classmates, Lee and Randy, who were also friends. Joyce and I started up our friendship again in 2015. We met for lunch in Des Moines several times and it was always a fun time catching up with lots of laughter.*

During the last two years we had been using messenger as a way to keep in contact. I was diagnosed with cancer first and then she was. Our conversations from then on were about treatments, doctors, our wonderful caregiving husbands, and times with our children and grandchildren. She inspired me with her positive words and sense of humor. She said I inspired her so we both helped each other. Joyce was a genuine and wonderful friend. She would do anything for you. I am so sad at her passing and I'm going to miss her so much.

Marsha McCaulley - January 27, 2021 at 04:16 PM

TW

“ Lee and family,
I won't tell you anything you already do not know, but it helps me to share.
Joyce was:
Very proud of all you.
The Heart and sole of the class of 71
Without a doubt one of the most genuine people I have ever known in 67 years.
God has blessed her, may he also bless you since he has her and you don't, but you will all see each other in do time.
Tom

tom walling - January 27, 2021 at 01:23 PM

CM

“ Cindy Mott lit a candle in memory of Joyce Wymore



Cindy Mott - January 27, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joyce Wymore.



January 27, 2021 at 12:58 PM

CH

“ I had first met Joyce when I was student teaching in kindergarten at Oskaloosa Elem. She always wore a smile and made me feel so welcome. Later when I began traveling with EF College Study Tours through Indian Hills I got to know Joyce even more and loved traveling with her. She brought a wealth of knowledge to our trips through her many books she would read before the trip and bring along. I will cherish the friendship and think of her as I travel this big world. My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to Lee and the rest of the family! She will be dearly missed by so many. May God comfort each and everyone!



Christine - January 27, 2021 at 11:10 AM

JK

“ Our sincere sympathy to the family.
What a special lady. May you share and cherish your memories
Joyce and Darrell Klein

Joyce and Darrell Klein - January 26, 2021 at 10:50 PM

KV

“ My heart just aches thinking about the beautiful life that has been lost. I remember every morning while my mother worked with Joyce I would go into the office and hold the door for all the teachers and just talked about anything and everything. I also remember being able to decorate her office window with each new season. And talking with her each day made the wait for the bus so enjoyable. She was always so bright and kind. I loved being just in her presence made me so happy. I remember taking a trip with her to Wisconsin to see the Keiffers and we had so so much fun. I cannot say enough good things about Joyce. It's impossible to do so. She will be so dearly missed.



Kourtney VanHulzen - January 26, 2021 at 09:50 PM

BJ

“ Joyce was not only a great business client, but also a neat lady with a dry sense of humor, and a perfect match for Lee! I always enjoyed communicating with her. She didn't answer the phone with hello, but "Hi Barry" in a positive upbeat tone. She always liked to compare notes about each others Grandchildren. She will be missed by many, and she is and will continue to be in my prayers! Her suffering is over and she has gone home to the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Barry Johnson

Barry Johnson - January 26, 2021 at 09:02 PM

CS

“Joyce was my first childhood friend when we moved from Ottumwa to Oskaloosa. I'll always remember our girl scouts and summer camp at Lake Keomah; playing together with Karen Berkemeir, North A and B Streets had a great bunch of kids making wonderful childhood memories. Her kind and gentle manner are well remembered. May the memories her family and friends share bring them peace, comfort and laughter to help ease their loss. She will be missed. You were blessed with a well-lived life my friend.

Candace Gerard Slobe - January 26, 2021 at 06:47 PM

KL

“My love and sympathy to Lee, Meghan, Mat and families. Joyce was a friend since our Whittier days. My mother always said Joyce never changed. She grew up looking just like she did in grade school. Joyce was a friend to all. So kind and thoughtful. My love and prayers are with you.



Kathy Job Larsen - January 26, 2021 at 06:36 PM

SW

“Joyce was always a great Neighbor always had a wave or a Hello. My Heart goes out to the family. May she fly with Angels

Scott Whipple - January 26, 2021 at 06:09 PM

MC

“ My condolences to Lee, Meghan and Mat on your great loss. I have many happy memories of our families spending time together including Boy Scout activities, camping, or just enjoying each others company. I wish all of you peace and comfort in the days and weeks ahead.

-Merrill

Merrill Childs - January 26, 2021 at 05:26 PM

MS

“ Melodee Ward Smith lit a candle in memory of Joyce Wymore



Melodee Ward Smith - January 26, 2021 at 04:06 PM

MF

“ Lee, Meghan, Matt, and the entire Wymore/Snowbarger family: I pray for God's Peace to be with you. You have endured so much loss of key people in your lives. Please know that the Foster family is praying for you all as you grieve.

Mike.

Mike Foster - January 26, 2021 at 02:36 PM

ST

Mike said it perfectly, and we add our prayers for all of you.

Steve and Rosanne Foster and family

Stephen - January 26, 2021 at 08:06 PM

AK

“Joyce was my go to person when I worked at Oskaloosa Elementary. I was so grateful to her when I first started there. Wonderful person. My thoughts and prayers to the family.
Allison Ketter

Allison Ketter - January 26, 2021 at 02:19 PM

SS

“I got to know Joyce when I began working at the Elementary. She was always kind and helpful with a smile. Sometimes I would see her around town and we would visit a bit. She had a beautiful heart and will be greatly missed. Praying for your family.

Sharon Spoelstra - January 26, 2021 at 01:59 PM

CR

“Carolyn Ryken lit a candle in memory of Joyce Wymore



Carolyn Ryken - January 26, 2021 at 01:24 PM

CR

Joyce was such a special person in so many ways,, Sending out thoughts and Sympathy to Lee and her family thinking of you all.

Carolyn Ryken - January 26, 2021 at 01:25 PM

JP

“ I have so many wonderful memories of being with Joyce. From jr. high through high school graduation she was such a valued friend. We were always in homeroom together and also spent fun times together as Rainbow girls. Joyce was a "one of a kind" person, so special! My deepest sympathy to her family and friends. May your happy memories help to comfort you during this difficult time.
Judy Stapp Penland

Judy Penland - January 26, 2021 at 12:40 PM

LH

“ Joyce was a treasured classmate, bandmate, friend back in the day. She was simply a lovely person always. I am so very sorry for the loss to her family. I know she will truly be missed by her many friends and family. I wish you comfort and peace found in your wonderful memories of this special woman. ♡Lynn Norton Hodgeman

Lynn Hodgeman - January 26, 2021 at 12:24 PM

JA

Joyce was a special friend. In high school we were on the girls golf team. One day during practice at Edmundson the song, Cecelia You're Breakin My Heart, came on the radio. I remember acting goofy with her and dancing around the course with her. That became a funny memory for us over the years. Joyce always had time to listen and to be genuinely interested. Such a sweet,intelligent,loving friend. May you rest now, peacefully.

Jan Atkins - January 27, 2021 at 05:46 AM