



Kathy Jo Hugen

May 23, 1952 - February 27, 2022

Kathy Jo Hugen, 69, of Oskaloosa, passed away Sunday, February 27, 2022, at Pella Hospice Comfort House.

Kathy Hugen, daughter of Marvin and Evelyn (DeWitt) Walraven, was born May 23, 1952, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. She was raised on the family farm near Cedar and attended Cedar Elementary School. Kathy's mother passed away when Kathy was seven years old, and her father was a single parent and farmer to his four children for seven years. Early in Kathy's teenage years, her father married Frances Nieuwsma, a widow and friend since childhood.

Frances was a kind and loving mother to Kathy and her siblings, and although the home was hectic with seven children, it was a happy home.

Kathy attended Oskaloosa High School, and after her graduation in 1970, she married the Love-of-her-Life, Richard Hugen, on June 19, 1970, in Carmel, California, where Rich was stationed in the army. They made their home in Oskaloosa, where Kathy stayed very busy with her children and actively supported them in each of their activities. In 1977, Kathy and Rich moved to an acreage east of Oskaloosa, and in 2011, Rich built Kathy her dream home on the family farm east of Pella. A home large enough to accommodate her growing family. Kathy will be remembered as a fantastic wife, mom, friend, and caregiver; she always put the needs of others before her own. She gently but firmly managed her children, constantly permeating her high expectations with much love. Kathy enjoyed life and loved meeting friends for golf and bowling. She also taught each of her daughters how to golf, enabling them to

spend time together having fun. Kathy was a member of the Central Reformed Church, where she served in many ways. Her faith was the bedrock of her life and gave her strength each day.

Her family includes her husband Rich, of Pella; her daughters and their husbands, Carrie and Jason Blommers of Pella, Tina and Jeremy Vander Molen of Pella, Sheri and Dan DeNooy of Pella and Dena and Kyle Huelsman of Oskaloosa. She was blessed with ten grandchildren: Kelcey, Lindsey and Ashley Blommers, Tyler, Brett, Emily, and Megan Vander Molen, Anna and Cole DeNooy, and Clyde Huelsman. She is also survived by her mother, Frances Walraven, and her mother-in-law, Francene Hugen, each of Oskaloosa; her siblings: Karen (Jim) Powell of Oskaloosa, Jonnie Walraven of Fairfield, Jacque (Mike) Jepson of Manson, IA, Jolene (Daryl) Scott of Oskaloosa, Retha (Richard) Dudak of Springville, IA and Lorna (Dennis) Trachta of Swisher, IA; and numerous nieces and nephews; and a sister-in-law, Mary (Bill) Parsons of Spotsylvania, VA.

In addition to her parents, Marvin and Evelyn Walraven, she was preceded in death by a sister-in-law, Helen Walraven, her father-in-law, Bob Hugen, and a brother-in-law, Ken Hugen.

A Celebration of Kathy's life will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, March 4, 2022, at Central Reformed Church in Oskaloosa, with Rev. Jon Nelson officiating. The service can be viewed at live at www.livestream.com/centralreformed and can also be viewed at a later time at that site. Private interment will precede the service at Evergreen Cemetery near Leighton. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday at Langkamp Funeral Chapel. The family will greet visitors from 4-7 p.m. Thursday evening. Memorials can be made to the Pella Hospice Comfort House.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Easton Ave. and 205th ST
Leighton, IA 50143

Previous Events

Open Visitation

MAR 3. 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>

Family and Friends

MAR 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Central Reformed Church
815 2nd Ave. East
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
d.langkamp@mahaska.org

Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathy Jo Hugen*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - February 28, 2022 at 06:36 PM

KD

Thanks for the beautiful photos of Kathy's life. I didn't really know her but she was family.

Kim Deprenger - February 28, 2022 at 07:28 PM

JL

What a lovely tribute to a beautiful and blessed life well lived. Many hugs and much love to you all. Kathy was welcomed into heaven with loving arms wide open and the Lord saying "welcome Home" one day may we all be that blessed.

Jason and Jess Larson

Jess Larson - March 01, 2022 at 09:28 AM

EF

That was soo beautiful! I enjoyed getting to know Kathy at the Oskey Care Center. She was soo faithful to her mother in law. Always blessed me! She will leave a huge hole in her family no doubt. ❤️

Elie Ford - March 03, 2022 at 09:49 AM

DM

*So enjoyed all the pictures and I love those sweet, sweet. eyes and gentle smile. Even though I didn't really know Kathy she will be deeply missed by many but especially her family.. God watch over this whole household and let peace and love envelop them.
Blessings, Darlene Martinson*

Darlene Martinson - March 03, 2022 at 11:21 AM



“ *Kathy Jo Hugen*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM

DI

“ *My deep sympathy to Rich and family. I was part of Kathy's HS gang, Rich's leaving for Vietnam, Carrie's birth. After I left for college, our lives drifted apart. Thanks for sharing all the photos, especially the HS ones, and I can still see us all in our pep club outfits at the football games. It's clear that Kathy was a wonderful friend to many all her life. What a rich legacy of faith and friendship she leaves to those who grieve.
Rich, may God surround you with his grace and love. Celebrate her life well. Be assured that all of you rest in God's arms as you deal with this tremendous hole in your life.
Dianne Kelderman De Wit*

Dianne - March 03, 2022 at 10:08 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathy Jo Hugen.*



March 03, 2022 at 08:05 AM

BA

“ Always enjoyed Kathy at bowling. Finally was going to be on her team this year but she became ill before bowling started. My sympathy to her husband. Richard, her children and the family. RIP, Kathy.

Becke Arnold - March 02, 2022 at 06:44 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathy Jo Hugen.



March 02, 2022 at 04:19 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kathy Jo Hugen.



March 02, 2022 at 10:22 AM

AG

“ Alex Ashman and Rachel Goss purchased the Se rene Retreat for the family of Kathy Jo Hugen.



Alex Ashman and Rachel Goss - March 02, 2022 at 10:09 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kathy Jo Hugen.*



March 01, 2022 at 08:42 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathy Jo Hugen.*



March 01, 2022 at 03:09 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Kathy Jo Hugen.*



March 01, 2022 at 01:15 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kathy Jo Hugen.*



March 01, 2022 at 12:32 PM

LD

“ Love Vince and Kathy DePrenger purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kathy Jo Hugen.



Love Vince and Kathy DePrenger - March 01, 2022 at 12:23 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kathy Jo Hugen.



March 01, 2022 at 11:48 AM


BD

“ Barry, Eric, David, Danny purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kathy Jo Hugen.



Barry, Eric, David, Danny - March 01, 2022 at 10:52 AM

LD

“ Thinking of you  all N always loved your family our thoughts N prayers to you all Our sympathy Linda N John Dixon Olathe Ks



Linda N John Dixon - March 01, 2022 at 09:46 AM

JS

“ *Jo Sytsma lit a candle in memory of Kathy Jo Hugen*



jo sytsma - March 01, 2022 at 08:37 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathy Jo Hugen.*



March 01, 2022 at 06:09 AM

JD

“ *Kathy was a beautiful, loving, caring person who was always there to help & do anything & help anytime anywhere what ever the need !*

Jim Dewitt - February 28, 2022 at 10:27 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathy Jo Hugen.*



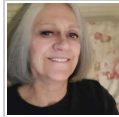
February 28, 2022 at 08:39 PM

KP

“ 4 files added to the album *More life tributes*



Karen Powell - February 28, 2022 at 07:45 PM



Oh, Wally, I didn't know. I'll be thinking of you and Rich and all of her amazing family. She will be sorely missed. The photos brought back so many memories of you guys, the church, etc. Thank you for sharing her life through those. They were very touching. I hope you can all find some peace and comfort as you navigate this difficult time.

Carole Kelderman - February 28, 2022 at 10:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kathy Jo Hugen.



February 28, 2022 at 07:17 PM



“ 93 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - February 28, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Kathy Jo Hugen*.



February 28, 2022 at 06:06 PM



“ *Rich and family please know we are so saddened about your loss. Kathy was such a bright light, always fun to chat with, and loved her family more than can ever be described. Deb and Larry White*

Larry White - February 28, 2022 at 05:32 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Kathy Jo Hugen.*



February 28, 2022 at 04:48 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Kathy Jo Hugen.*



February 28, 2022 at 04:38 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Kathy Jo Hugen.*



February 28, 2022 at 04:35 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Kathy Jo Hugen.*



February 28, 2022 at 04:23 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathy Jo Hugen.*



February 28, 2022 at 04:08 PM



“ *My love and sympathy to all of Kathy's family. You have always been a close family. I hope you continue to lean on each other in this sad time. My prayers are with you all.*

Kathy Larsen - February 28, 2022 at 03:59 PM



“ *I have 55 years of memories of Kathy and the family! The one that stands out is taking her to the doctor when she found out she was pregnant with Shari!! That was quite the trip home from Ottumwa!! We laughed we cried a whole range of emotions but it was so worth it!!*

Cristy McCombs - February 28, 2022 at 03:41 PM