



Kay Swanson

February 10, 1940 - December 10, 2018

Kay Swanson, age 78, of Oskaloosa, Iowa passed away Monday, December 10, 2018, peacefully with her daughters by her side at the Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa. Nita Kay was born on Saturday, February 10, 1940, in rural Mahaska County, near Fremont, Iowa to Raoul Clarence Eldon and Juanita Alberta (Sarvis) Hawkinson. At the age of 12, Kay was baptized at Lake Keomah State Park in Mahaska County. She graduated from Fremont High School on May 13, 1958, and went on to graduate August 2, 1959, from The American Institute of Business in Des Moines, Iowa.

Kay was briefly employed at Mahaska Industries in Oskaloosa Iowa in 1960. On March 15, 1960, she began work at the Mahaska County Auditor's office under Auditor Mark Olinger and in later years Thomas Allgood and Jane Coffee. In addition to working at the courthouse, Kay worked for her step-father, Ralph Casey, at the Casey Tax Office and H & R Block Income Tax in 1989. June 2, 1992, Kay was elected for the first time as Mahaska County Auditor. She enjoyed working and helping people at the courthouse for 52 years, until her retirement on December 31, 2012.

On April 26, 1966, she was united in marriage to Roger O'Neil Swanson at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. Kay was the member of the Bethel Baptist Church, Altrusa Club, The Center for Independent Living Board and State Finance Committee. She always enjoyed working with numbers and especially enjoyed reading books and knitting. In her later years, Kay enjoyed going to "board meetings" on Sunday evenings at Taso's Steakhouse with her dear friends, Chuck and Joan La Rue, Rex and Margie McFall, Mearl Minter and Delynn Overturf, Del Bittner, Jimmy and Becky Carter. In retirement, she also enjoyed working on family genealogy.

Her family includes her daughters: Cyndee (Patrick) McKenna of Riverside, California, Kimberly (Loren) Hols of Oskaloosa, Iowa, and Tasi (Joel) DeJoode of Oskaloosa, Iowa. She is also survived by seven grandsons: Joshua and Justin DeJoode, Cody, Blake, and Andrew Hols, William (Elizabeth) McKenna, and Terry McKenna; one granddaughter, Kaeli Hols; two great-granddaughters: Jessica McKenna and Addison Marie Sarver; her brothers: Max (Beverly) Hawkinson, Patrick (Cherie) Casey, Joe (Joyce) Casey; a sister, Debbie (Scott) Dyer and many nephews and nieces.

Kay was preceded in death by her parents; her step-father, Ralph Casey; her husband,

Roger; a daughter, Cyndee McKenna; her brothers: Max Hawkinson and Larry Hawkinson, Joe and Joyce Casey; and her sister; Debbie Dyer; grandson, Terry McKenna; great-grandson, Robert Ellis Jr.; and sister-in-law, Beverly Hawkinson. Funeral services for Kay will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, December 14, 2018, at the Bethel Baptist Church in Oskaloosa with Pastor Steve Cox officiating. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery. Visitation will begin after 10 a.m., Thursday, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 4-6:30 p.m., Thursday evening. Memorials can be made to the Bethel Baptist Church. Memories and condolences can be sent to the family by visiting langkampfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Forest Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Open Visitation

DEC **13**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
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Family Visitation

DEC **13**. 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral

DEC **14**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Bethel Baptist Church
1407 A Avenue West
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Kay Swanson*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - December 12, 2018 at 07:22 PM



“ *Kay Swanson*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Becky Netten lit a candle in memory of Kay Swanson*



Becky Netten - December 15, 2018 at 02:16 PM



“ *My family had many good memories shared with Kay and her family. My oldest brother, Pastor Steven Crile, was best friends with Max. We attended church at Rose Hill and later at Tioga. Kay was very dedicated to our little church. Some of my favorite memories are of Tioga. Sympathy and blessings to Kay's family.*

Linda Crile Lanphier - December 12, 2018 at 02:21 PM



“ I have many wonderful memories of Kay. Remember when her parents owned the hardware / grocery store in Rose Hill. Many Friday and Saturday nights were spent in this quaint little town going to the movies in the old building on the corner with hard benches for seats or just sitting in the car parked in the middle of the street talk to ng and watching all the folks (mainly boys) coming from nearby towns cruising. We attended Rose Hill Community Church and later Tioga Country Church. Alberta, Kay' s mom, always had us over for refreshments after church in their big 2 story house on Sunday evenings. On one such occasion, Kay and I was making fudge and both stirring over a low heat. I lifted my spoon and got the mixture which was very hot by this time all over Kay's hand blistering it. I think I may have done this on purpose thinking it was funny and not realizing how hot it was. So sorry Kay, that was horrible..

Think we put butter on it which probably made it worse! I have always bee very proud of Kay and all her successes even tho she faced many challenges. She has always been very pleasant, never complaining and especially smart with numbers. Even became County Auditor. May you rest in peace dear cousin...and enjoy your reunion with your family. I remember so vividly when you lost your cute curly headed little brother and your wonderful dad at such a young age. Your dad was buried on my birthday. Through it all you are home at last!!

Sandra Justis - December 12, 2018 at 11:39 AM



“ Sandra Justis lit a candle in memory of Kay Swanson



Sandra Justis - December 12, 2018 at 11:27 AM

CH

“ Craig, Vermeersch's, and Hawkinson's purchased the Ocean B reeze Spray for the family of Kay Swanson.



Craig, Vermeersch's, and Hawkinson's - December 12, 2018 at 11:10 AM

CJ

“ We will miss her, always enjoyed our Sunday night “Board Meeting”! Our prayers are with her daughters and families, but rejoicing that we know she’s in heaven reunited with Roger !! With no pain and no canes!! ❤️

Chuck and Joan - December 12, 2018 at 11:08 AM

TK

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Kay was a wonderful person and Brian sure enjoyed working with her. Thoughts and prayers to your family during this time.
Brian and Tamara Knudtson

Tamara Knudtson - December 12, 2018 at 07:41 AM



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Sandra Justis - December 12, 2018 at 11:28 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kay Swanson.



December 11, 2018 at 10:16 PM

CW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Kay was a sweet wonderful woman and will certainly be missed.

Carol Wonderlich - December 11, 2018 at 09:16 PM

Barb Saville

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Kay was a wonderful person I got to know through work. Kay was always helpful. Blessings to you all.



Barb Saville - December 11, 2018 at 08:49 PM

KH

“ Love you mom going to miss you so much



Kim Hols - December 11, 2018 at 08:15 PM

SA

“ Our sympathy to Kay's family. We enjoyed our time shared at Bethel and all our visits.
Prayers to each of you.
Sabra Lanphier & family

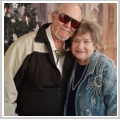
Sabra - December 11, 2018 at 08:14 PM

TD

“ Tasi DeJoode lit a candle in memory of Kay Swanson



Tasi DeJoode - December 11, 2018 at 07:01 PM



*Many fond memories of my cousin Kay. I remember when her family lived in Rose Hill and owned the hardware/grocery store in the center of town. Many Friday and Saturday nights were spent in this quaint little town either going to the movies or just sitting in the car parked in the center of the street, talking and watching all the visitors (boys especially) coming from other small towns in the area. We also attended the Rose Hill Community Church and Tioga Country Church in our younger years. Always went to her mom Alberta's house for refreshments after Sunday Eve services. Was so much fun, but do remember one Sunday night Kay and I was making fudge together and stirring it as we were cooking it on low heat. I raised my spoon up and the hot fudge got all over her hand blistering it. So sorry Kay...we put butter on it, probably made it hurt worse! She was always very sweet and so smart with numbers. I told her many times how proud I was of her. She became auditor for Mahaska County and that was a big job. Even with all the challenges she faced, she was always pleasant. Rest in peace dear cousin and we will miss you but rejoice that you are with your Lord and Savior never to suffer again. And what a wonderful reunion with all those gone before you. We take comfort in knowing you are home at last
God bless your family with strength and courage during this time!!*

Sandra Justis - December 11, 2018 at 07:33 PM

CW

“ *Kim, Tasi, and family,
So sorry for the loss of your mom. Will always remember her and your family at family reunions. May God give you comfort, peace, and strength during this difficult time besides for the weeks a head. We know she joined the family that has gone before her in heaven now and is rejoicing with her Savior.
Lee and Connie Wright*



Connie Wright - December 11, 2018 at 06:32 PM