



## Margaret Grace Dickerson

July 6, 1925 - February 28, 2020

Margaret Dickerson, 94, of Oskaloosa, passed away Friday evening, February 28, 2020, at Crystal Heights Care Center in Oskaloosa.

Margaret Grace Dickerson, daughter of Benart “Ben” and Laura Olivia Brown Kooi, was born July 6, 1925, in Hawarden, Iowa. Margaret attended country school near Hawarden, in Sioux County, through the eighth grade. At age 18, her parents moved to Pella, Iowa, and she began working at the Pella Co-op grocery store and later at the Big Smith Overall Factory. Margaret married in 1949; they made their home in Oskaloosa, and three children were born to this union. She later divorced. On July 6, 1953, Margaret married Lloyd Dickerson; together they raised seven children as their own. When her children were older, Margaret went back to work at the Continental Overall Factory in Oskaloosa where she worked ten years. She then worked a J.R.’s Maid-Rite in the Atpic Mall for three years and eventually provided child care in her home until her retirement at age 70. Margaret was a long time member of the Oskaloosa First Assembly of God and the O.K. (Older Kids) Bunch at the church. She was a fabulous baker of pies, bread, and cinnamon rolls; she enjoyed all types of sewing. Margaret was definitely the matriarch of the family and the heart of her home: she loved her children fiercely and unconditionally, emphasizing a strong work ethic and an unwavering trust in God’s plan for each of their lives. Her home was a refuge not only to her family but to the many friends her children brought with them. She was very straight-forward with her opinions – sharing her views on how things could be improved.

Margaret's faith was the foundation of all she did, and she will be remembered as a wonderful mother and grandmother.

Margaret's family includes Larry Dickerson of Oskaloosa; Shirley and Phil Owens of Oskaloosa, Vernon Bunnell of Oskaloosa, Lavonne and Dale Witzenburg of Oskaloosa and Kenneth and Deb Dickerson of Des Moines,; 29 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; 24 great-great-grandchildren; two sisters: Joyce Van Wyk of Pella, and Florence Blom of Ellisville, Mississippi. Besides her parents, Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd; two sons: Dennis Bunnell and Keith Dickerson; two daughters-in-law: Jennifer Dickerson and Diane Bunnell; two grandsons: Dale Witzenburg and Eric Dickerson; a great-grandchild, Zachary McDonald; brothers: Lewis and Earl Kooi, and two sisters: Esther Vander Plaas and Ruth Kooi.

Funeral Services for Margaret will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at the First Assembly of God Church with Rev. Michael Dotson officiating. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Tuesday, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday evening. Memorial contributions can be made to the Student Ministries at First Assembly of God Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Cemetery

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

# 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 Greeting Time

**MAR 3.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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MAR 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Assembly of God Church  
716 S 17th St,  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
admin@oskyag.com  
<http://www.oskyag.com/>

## Burial

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MAR 4 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret Grace Dickerson*



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**Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory** - March 02, 2020 at 04:35 PM

JH

*I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Marge. She was a really special lady. We will miss her. The precious hope is we will see her again. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Joyce Hoyt** - March 03, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ *Margaret Grace Dickerson*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM

CW

“ *Lavonne, Vern, and family,  
I am so sorry for the loss of your precious mom. She sounded like a wonderful mom. May God give you peace, comfort, and strength for the difficult times ahead. It does give comfort that you will see her again.  
Lee and Connie Wright*



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**Connie Wright** - March 02, 2020 at 09:49 PM



“ 97 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory** - March 02, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ *Jones Insurance & Assoc purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Margaret Grace Dickerson.*



**Jones Insurance & Assoc** - March 02, 2020 at 03:45 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Margaret Grace Dickerson.*



March 02, 2020 at 12:03 PM

DC

“ *Dave Crise purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Margaret Grace Dickerson.*



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**Dave Crise** - March 02, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margaret Grace Dickerson.*



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March 02, 2020 at 10:13 AM

CA

“ *Cindy Albright lit a candle in memory of Margaret Grace Dickerson*



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**Cindy Albright** - March 02, 2020 at 09:59 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Margaret Grace Dickerson.*



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February 29, 2020 at 11:05 PM

FF

“ Florence, Loren, Cindy, Sherry,  
Frank,Ruth,Robbie purchased the Emerald Gard  
en Basket for the family of Margaret Grace  
Dickerson.



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**Florence, Loren, Cindy, Sherry, Frank,Ruth,Robbie** - February  
29, 2020 at 10:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Margaret Grace Dickerson.



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February 29, 2020 at 06:18 PM

CW

“ So sorry for your loss. May you find comfort  
and hold on to all of the great memories.



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**Cindy Williams** - February 29, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Margaret Grace Dickerson.



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February 29, 2020 at 04:33 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Grace Dickerson.*



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February 29, 2020 at 03:48 PM