



Stephanie J. Cornelder

December 28, 1947 - February 2, 2018

Stephanie Jane (Becker) Cornelder, 70, of Oskaloosa passed away unexpectedly Friday, February 2, 2018, at her home in Oskaloosa. Born December 28, 1947, in Shenandoah, Iowa, Stephanie was the daughter of Charles Wendell and Carmen Elizabeth (Loynachan) Becker. She attended school in Shenandoah through 1962, when the family moved to Oskaloosa. Stephanie was a 1966 graduate of Oskaloosa High School, and then furthered her education at William Penn College (Bachelor of Arts in Education and in Mathematics) in Oskaloosa, and Drake University (Master of Science in Education) in Des Moines. She taught physical education in Twin Cedars before beginning her career as a middle school math teacher in Pella. She retired from Pella Community Schools in 2012 after 25 years of service. Stephanie's faith in the Lord Jesus Christ was the center of her life. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Oskaloosa where she served as an elder, treasurer, Sunday school teacher, and was a member of the Presbyterian Women and church choir. Stephanie also served as the treasurer of the Des Moines Presbytery P.W. and as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee of the Presbytery. Stephanie was also the president of P.E.O. Chapter X and was especially passionate about educational scholarship for young women. Stephanie loved to be involved in the community, and in her retirement became a volunteer in the M.H.P. surgical area, for which she received the Governor's Volunteer Award for the State of Iowa in 2016. Stephanie was an avid walker and bicyclist, and enjoyed

horseback riding, gardening, reading, and opening her home to friends and family. In her retirement she made trips several times a year to visit Native American Presbyterians in different states, with many of whom she developed deep friendships, she did this with her dear friend Sharon Falck who also taught her how to quilt, a hobby that quickly became a passion for Stephanie. Stephanie will be missed by many loved ones and friends. She is survived by her husband, Hans of Oskaloosa; her daughter Kelsie (Eric) (Graham) Dales and grandchildren Tyson and Mia of Fair Oaks, California; her “bonus” children David (Kristine) (Van Zante) Cornelder and grandchildren Elise, Rachel, and Josiah of Des Moines; Amy (Paul) (Cornelder) Gordiejew and grandchildren Daniel and Lola of Boardman, Ohio; Mark (Sally) Graham and grandsons Nick and Jack of Riverview, Florida; Gary (Dawn) Graham of Oceanside, California; and Clifford (Gina) Graham, granddaughter Kyra, and great-grandson Josiah of Oceanside, California and granddaughter Brittany and great-granddaughter Rocklyn of Chico, California. She is also survived by her brothers Steve (Diane) Becker of Nolensville, Tennessee; and David (Cathy) Becker of Vicksburg, Michigan and their families.

Stephanie was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will begin Monday, February 5, 2018 at 10 a.m. at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 5-7 p.m. on Monday evening. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Oskaloosa with Reverend Donald Stribling and Reverend Jim Koopman officiating. A family prayer service will be held at 10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and burial will be at Forest Cemetery following the service. A luncheon will be provided in the church. Memorials may be made to the Becker Scholarship Fund at the First Presbyterian Church, which was started by Stephanie’s parents and provides scholarships to college students.

Cemetery Details

Forest Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Family Visitation

FEB 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral

FEB 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
405 High Ave. E.
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
presby1@mahaska.org
<http://www.oskaloosafirstpresbyterian.org>

Burial

FEB 6 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stephanie J. Cornelder*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Stephanie was my physical education teacher at Twin Cedars. She encouraged us to keep trying and not give up. She helped me when I fell into the gym wall and passed out. My front teeth were broken. She took me to the office and sat with me until my mom picked me up. She was fun to be around. I don't know anyone that didn't like her. Rest in peace Steph. May you be surrounded in Gods love and peace. Beverly Grimes Selby*

Beverly Grimes Selby - February 09, 2018 at 11:09 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear about Steph. I worked with her at Mahaska Bank and considered her a very good friend. Sending prayers.*

Carol Wonderlich - February 06, 2018 at 09:00 PM

LF

“ My deepest sympathy to all of Stephanie's family. We were a close family growing up and I have many fond memories of coming to Uncle Charlie and Aunt Carmen's house in Oskaloosa, and visiting with all of you. I always loved coming there and playing with David, and my brother and my sisters and myself would go to the back stable, as Stephanie always had a horse or horses there. That was so long ago.

The last time I did see Stephanie was at the Resthaven Cementary when there was a memorial service for Uncle Tad several years ago, it was great to have that brief time to see her again.

Sincerely, Linda (Pearson) Fornicola
Adel, Iowa

Linda Fornicola - February 06, 2018 at 12:21 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to Hans and family. Stephanie was a sweet soul with whom I always enjoyed visiting when we worked out together at Curves. The beauty of our faith is the hope that we have to see her in eternity.

Debbie Doty - February 06, 2018 at 11:56 AM

DM

“ Sending my condolences to the family of Stephanie. I got to know her through Presbyterian Women. I remember one time she came to a Dakota Presbytery meeting, and they came to the wrong building but I happened to be there. It was so good to see her, as she had a way of being such a support in my time of need. I was in town to say good-bye to my uncle. Although our time was brief, I was so happy to see her and the passion she had for our Native American families and ministries. I take comfort in knowing shes in her eternal home, and I look forward to the day when I will see her welcoming smile again! Journey well, Stephanie! Fly high with the eagles and I can't wait to see you again!!

Danelle McKinney - February 06, 2018 at 12:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Stephanie J. Cornelder.



February 05, 2018 at 10:04 PM

DB

“ *Our deepest sympathies go to all of you! We are so saddened at the loss of Stephanie, she will be truly missed by so many. We so enjoyed our many visits when she would stop in at the shop on her walks. Our continued prayers are with you, Hans, Kelsie and family!*
Dave and Kerri Boender

Dave and Kerri Boender - February 05, 2018 at 08:28 PM

JS

“ My deepest prayers for you and the family upon the death of Stephanie. She was remarkable and I remember the first time I met her, I felt like I had known her a long time. She was committed not only to her family but to her faith, her church and to any responsibility that came along. Stephanie did not shirk from hard work but was willing to bring her intellect and skills to anything before her. It was such a pleasure to know her. I regret I am unable to attend the funeral tomorrow. I am providing pastoral support for another pastor who has been called out of state to tend to his critically ill mother and there are two families in need of help following a death and a diagnosis. Receive all the loving support from many tomorrow who will lift up Stephanie in their prayers and also lift up you Hans and your family. Together may you walk ahead in courage and hope, for that is what Stephanie taught many. In Christian love, Jan Scott

Jan Scott - February 05, 2018 at 07:24 PM

MH

“ Such a special person....she will be missed by so many. A very gracious and caring friend and always there for so many. Heaven is blessed.

mary heslinga - February 05, 2018 at 01:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephanie J. Cornelder.



February 05, 2018 at 12:39 PM

KJ

“ Steph will surely be missed, her and my mom, Sally Jones, taught together at Twin Cedars, she always stopped at the vision center to say Hi and see how everyone was doing. So sorry for your loss! 💕

kathy jones - February 05, 2018 at 10:45 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephanie J. Cornelder.



February 05, 2018 at 10:06 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stephanie J. Cornelder.



February 05, 2018 at 10:02 AM

LF

“ Stephanie was one of a kind. Our friendship dates back to William Penn College days. She was the kind of person who always made you feel comfortable. Seeing her and chatting always added a bright spot in my day. My heart is saddened by her leaving this world. However, she will certainly add another star to the heavens. My prayers are lifted on behalf of her family, especially Kelsey (one of my very special library kids).

Linda Fox - February 05, 2018 at 09:51 AM

BK

“ To the family of Stephanie,
I would like to express my condolences to the family. I've known Stephanie and her traveling companion Sharon for a number of years now as they would travel to our Dakota Presbytery Meetings through out Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. She was a blessing to those of us who had the privilege to know her. We sometimes hear the phrase "our loss is heaven's gain" and I truly believe heaven has gained a wonderful angel. I will surely miss seeing Stephanie at our meetings, but I know she will be there in spirit. She had truly touched my spirit with her kindness she shared with us in Dakota Presbytery. May God continue to bless you as you lay your loved one to rest. Thanks for being my friend Stephanie. Billy Kohl - Stated Clerk - Dakota Presbytery

Billy Kohl - February 05, 2018 at 09:31 AM

AR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Amanda Ross - February 05, 2018 at 09:01 AM

AP

“ So sorry to hear this! My son had Mrs. Cornelder for 7th grade math at Pella Middle School. Up till then he'd been a solid student who'd always lagged a little in math. He worked VERY hard that year (as did everyone in her class!), but from then on he was fully up to speed. He went on to successful completion of Calculus I in high school. God bless her and all dedicated educators. Wishing comfort and strength for her family.

Anne Petrie - February 04, 2018 at 10:56 PM

NM

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. We have you and your families in our thoughts and prayers.
Your friends,
Nancy Stapp McCurdy
and
Donald McCurdy



Nancy Stapp McCurdy - February 04, 2018 at 01:55 PM

JL

“ Stephanie was a very special lady who touched the lives of many! Thoughts and prayers for her family now and in the days to come.



Judy and Larry Lewis - February 04, 2018 at 01:28 PM

MA

“ Mary Edwards Anderson lit a candle in memory of Stephanie J. Cornelder



Mary Edwards Anderson - February 04, 2018 at 12:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stephanie J. Cornelder.



February 04, 2018 at 11:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stephanie J. Cornelder.*



February 04, 2018 at 10:02 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Stephanie J. Cornelder.*



February 04, 2018 at 12:02 AM



“ *Keith Kent purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Stephanie J. Cornelder.*



Keith Kent - February 03, 2018 at 08:48 PM

CW

“ So sorry to hear of Stephanie's passing. When I would see her, we always talked about how our parents left on vacation leaving us to pick and can everything that was ready which took us a week or more to do. Always enjoyed talking to her and her family. Always remember talking to her also when she lived behind my parents. May God give your family comfort, strength, and peace during the days, weeks, and months to come.
Connie Wymore Wright.



Connie Wright - February 03, 2018 at 08:04 PM

KL

“ Stephanie would be walking at the PAC Center every morning at the same time I was there. She was always chatting with Sharon. I would look for them every morning. I talked with them just yesterday morning. I was so hurt when I heard Stephanie had passed. My love and prayers to her family. I am so sorry. She will be missed.

Kathy Job Larsen

Kathy Larsen - February 03, 2018 at 06:24 PM

KB

“ Kevin Blake lit a candle in memory of Stephanie J. Cornelder



Kevin Blake - February 03, 2018 at 06:20 PM