



## Velma Jean DeWitt

January 14, 1934 - October 3, 2018

Velma DeWitt, 84, of Oskaloosa passed away Wednesday, October 3, 2018, at Northern Mahaska Specialty Care in Oskaloosa

Velma Jean DeWitt, daughter of Murrel and Geneva (Gable) Christophel, was born January 14, 1934, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. She was a life-long resident of Oskaloosa where she attended Jefferson School and Oskaloosa High School. She married the love-of-her-life, Cleo Franklin DeWitt, January 24, 1952, at the First Church of the Nazarene. In addition to raising five children, Velma worked as a clerk at numerous retail business including Kresge, Jupiter, Woolworth, K-mart, and Hy-Vee. Velma enjoyed her work and the many co-workers and customers who became her friends. She was a member of the Eagles Ladies Auxiliary for over 59 years. In her spare time, Velma also enjoyed bowling, embroidery and working in her flower gardens.

Her family includes her children: Gary (Myrna) DeWitt of Virginia Beach, VA, Dennis DeWitt of Oskaloosa, and Bonnie (Raymond) Richards of Oskaloosa; six grandchildren: Scott (Shari) DeWitt, Jim (Joyce) DeWitt, Brandi (Curt) Allen, Todd (Mandi) Richards, Cynthia (Aaron) Molyneux, and Cristina Fernandez; 14 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Marilyn Whitter of Pella, a brother, Buck (Karen) Christophel of Oskaloosa; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Cleo, who passed away just 19 days before Velma; stepmother, Gail Harper; two daughters: Cindy DeWitt and Tammy Hootman; one great-grandchild, Taylor

Allen; a brother: George Christophel.

Funeral Services for Velma will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory with Pastor Alvern Boetsma of the Good News Chapel officiating. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery.

Visitation will begin after noon on Tuesday; the family will greet visitors from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday evening at the funeral chapel. Memorials can be made to the MHP Hospice Serenity House. Condolences and memories can be sent to the family by visiting [langkampfuneralchapel.com](http://langkampfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Open Visitation

OCT **9**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory  
2116 N 3rd St  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
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## Family Visitation

OCT **9**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral

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OCT **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Velma Jean DeWitt*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Gary, Dennis, and Bonnie,  
So sorry about your mom's passing. I really  
enjoyed working with your mom at Kmart.  
May God give you strength, comfort, and  
peace during this difficult time in your life now.  
Connie Wright*



**Connie Wright** - October 09, 2018 at 09:58 PM



“ *Beckynetten lit a candle in memory of Velma  
Jean DeWitt*



**beckynetten** - October 07, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ *Gary, Denny, Bonnie and families You have been our thoughts and  
prayers now and in the days ahead. Your Mom was a special lady  
and one hard working lady. Love and Hugs Gary Delores (Morgan)  
Cundiff of Kirkville la*

**Delores Morgan Cundiff** - October 05, 2018 at 06:12 PM

LW

“ Bonnie, Ray and all the family. I am rather shocked when reading about your Dad passing away now to read your Mom is also gone is very hard to believe. I know it is very hard for all of the family. Any time I traveled to Iowa for a family funeral and we would go to the luncheon I could hear a voice coming from the kitchen saying is Lavoe here. Always got a hug. You will be in my prayers. Love always. Lavoe

Lavoe Worrall - October 05, 2018 at 05:42 PM

CA

“ Cindy Albright lit a candle in memory of Velma Jean DeWitt



Cindy Albright - October 05, 2018 at 09:55 AM

CA

So sorry, Bonnie. Velma was a great person to everyone and she will be missed. I enjoyed our talks. Tammy and Cindy are very happy Angels now that Mom and Dad are with them. Hugs and prayers to you, your brothers and all of your family

Cindy Albright - October 05, 2018 at 09:59 AM

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“ Oskaloosa Eagles Auxiliary & Aerie #276 purchased the Eagle Wings Frame for the family of Velma Jean DeWitt.



Oskaloosa Eagles Auxiliary & Aerie #276 - October 05, 2018 at 05:24 AM

CW

“ Gary, Dennis, Bonnie, and family,  
So sorry to hear that you have lost your mom  
now. Praying that God gives peace, comfort,  
and strength in the days and weeks ahead in  
this difficult time of your lives.  
Connie Wright



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**Connie Wright** - October 05, 2018 at 12:11 AM

PD

“ Bonnie..... I am so sorry!!! My heart breaks for  
you and all your family



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**Patricia Draughn** - October 04, 2018 at 11:58 PM

JH

“ Jim And Joyce Hugen lit a candle in memory  
of Velma Jean DeWitt



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**Jim and Joyce Hugen** - October 04, 2018 at 09:06 PM

SU

“ Loved talking with her and catching up on what she was doing. She  
was always interested in everything we were doing in my family too.  
She will be missed so much. She was an amazing woman who is  
now an amazing angel. Thoughts Nd prayers are with you all  
Sherry Unholz

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**Sherry Unholz** - October 04, 2018 at 04:08 PM

SH

“ *Sandy Hildebrand lit a candle in memory of  
Velma Jean DeWitt*



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**Sandy Hildebrand** - October 04, 2018 at 03:54 PM

JF

“ *Jeff Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Velma  
Jean DeWitt*



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**Jeff Ferguson** - October 04, 2018 at 03:42 PM