



## Jackie Furlong

September 6, 1946 - December 14, 2024

Jacqueline “Jackie” M. Furlong, age 78 of Cedar Falls died Saturday, December 14, 2024, at UnityPoint Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo.

Jackie was born September 6, 1946, in Waterloo, the daughter of Alvin and Marguerite (Ambrose) Kemper. She graduated from Waterloo West High School in the class of 1964. On August 21, 1965, Jackie was united in marriage to Garry Furlong at St Edward Catholic Church in Waterloo.

Jackie was a wife, homemaker and mother to her three girls. After the girls grew up she worked as a dietician at Cedar Falls Healthcare for eight years, and then in foodservice at UNI for twenty years. She retired in 2008.

Jackie cherished spending time with her family. She enjoyed many winters in Panama City Beach, Florida with her husband Garry. She loved camping in both Colorado and Badlands National Park, feeding the birds, hummingbirds and squirrels, and spending time with her beloved dog’s Muffin and Pepper.

She is survived by: her husband, Garry Furlong of Cedar Falls; her three daughters, Christine (Rick) Dykes of Jesup, Stefanie (Joseph) Vanderlind of Waterloo, and Michelle Ysebaert of Green Bay, WI; her grandchildren, Skylar (Bree) Dykes of Cedar Falls, Dawson Dykes of Cedar Falls, Grace Dykes of Mason City, Collin Vanderlind of Cedar Falls, Lauren Vanderlind of St Louis,

MO, Samantha Ysebaert and Marguerite Ysebaert of Green Bay, WI; great grandchildren, Zoey, Jonah, Kai Dykes; and one sister, Judy Debe of Kohler, WI.

Jackie was preceded in death by: her sister, Karen Surrell, and brother, Jim Kemper.

Private family services will be held at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls. Memorials may be directed to UnityPoint Allen Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## **Fairview Cemetery**

12th and Division Streets  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 273-8628

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ Michelle I'm thinking of you, Stephanie, and Chris 🙏



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**Manette Anderson** - January 09, 2025 at 10:41 PM

CD

“ What a beautiful Mama. My heart is missing you everyday. Fly high Mama. ❤️ 🙏

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**Christine Dykes** - December 23, 2024 at 08:55 PM

JS

“ Our family has lost a dear sweet lady. I have known Jackie most of my life, beginning when our favorite, and only cousin 'Garry Furlong' brought her to Des Moines for a visit. We have a small family, compared to many, but she fit right in and very shortly became one of us. When the children were young we shared family events together. My boys, Jeffrey and Paul, still talk about their three girl cousins - Chris, Stefanie and Michelle.

Jackie always had a deep love of family, be it Garry, her children or her extended family. In addition, she had a strong faith that would sustain her during her entire life.

In our later years I found Jackie to have a keen sense of humor. We spoke on the phone and during these conversations we always laughed like young girls.

I hope the family can find comfort and peace during this difficult journey. May the sweet memories become absolute treasures in your hearts!! Remember, we will all meet again one day.

Blessings and love of all, Jodell Keyes Stout

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**Jodell Stout** - December 19, 2024 at 09:15 PM

CD

Thank you. ❤️ 📄

Christine Dykes - December 23, 2024 at 08:58 PM



“ Hugs to the Furlongs and all Aunt Jackie’s family. Peace and infinite love to her.

Erik Kemper - December 17, 2024 at 10:10 PM

CD



Christine Dykes - December 23, 2024 at 08:58 PM

TK

“ Dear Cousin Garry, Chris, Stefanie and Michelle:

*I was just heart to hear the news. Jackie is still that adorable young lady that Garry first brought to Grandma and Grandpa Blatt's to meet the family for the first time. Such a beautiful "girlfriend," we all thought, not only the the outside but the inside too. So precious to be around, so precious for our much-adored "Cousin Garry!" "Oh, my," the older generation in our family twittered, "she's so young, they'll never make it." Boy, did Gary and Jackie fool them! I was a teenager when they got married and thought Jackie was the most beautiful bride ever, even better than Jackie Kennedy. I remember how hard they worked to save for their first house and their first real estate agent learned the lesson about not judging a book by its cover: Never forget to be kind to someone, even if you don't realize they can pay cash. We were so thrilled when Chris, Stefanie and Michelle came along but I'm not sure how thrilled mom and dad were that the tradition was for the brides' parents to pay for the weddings, which even got to Aunt Wilma dancing! What wonderful memories, Garry, of the lake together as kids and of Jackie coming into your life. Great times too in "Seedy Falls," even if we were so poor at first, we still had family. Love to Jackie--and to you, Garry, and to the "Furlong Girls!"*

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**Trudy Keyes** - December 17, 2024 at 09:30 PM

CD

Thank you. ❤️ 📧

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**Christine Dykes** - December 23, 2024 at 08:59 PM

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“ *Most of my favorite childhood memories are family celebrations spent together- birthdays, Christmas and more. The cousins would bring a huge garbage bag of Barbie’s and we would take over the basement. One of my most cherished memories and favorite Christmas Eve is the time Uncle Garry had a flat tire. It was late and a holiday - we might have even had a snow storm!! Everyone stayed the night that Xmas Eve. The parents played Tripoli (or so I remember) and the cousins played Barbie’s and stayed up late. Holding that Christmas close in my heart today (and always). Love and miss you Aunt Jackie xoxox. And I love and miss my entire Furlong family. Xoxox*

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**kate rustan** - December 17, 2024 at 12:09 PM

CD

*Thank you Kate. ❤️*

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**Christine Dykes** - December 23, 2024 at 09:00 PM

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“ *Sending tons of love to all... So many memories of Aunt Jackie and all the teasing she gave me as a kid! Especially always tricking me into telling her what we were going to give her for Christmas (I fell for it every time). She also had me believing that she and Uncle Garry could float on a magic blanket when they were dating! I will miss her sense of humor!*

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**Sue Debe Inhelder** - December 17, 2024 at 11:58 AM

CD

*Thank you. ❤️👍*

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**Christine Dykes** - December 23, 2024 at 08:56 PM

JG

“ Jim, Meghan, Katie & Grace Greene purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jackie Furlong.



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**Jim, Meghan, Katie & Grace Greene** - December 16, 2024 at 11:24 PM

JO

“ Gary, Chris, Stefanie and Michelle we are sending you our sympathy. Being neighbors for many years we have many memories of our children growing up together. May God grant you the Peace He promised.

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**Jerry and Jan Oberheu** - December 16, 2024 at 08:10 AM

CD

Thank you. ❤️

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**Christine Dykes** - December 23, 2024 at 09:02 PM

CS

“ I can remember visiting Iowa and staying with Aunt Jackie and my cousins and there happened to be a tornado warning so we ended up in the basement. Coming from San Diego, it was both scary and fun. She did so much to make sure we weren't too traumatized. She was always so very nice and loving to everyone and will be missed dearly.

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**Cheri Surrell** - December 15, 2024 at 07:23 PM

CD

Thank you Cheri. ❤️

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**Christine Dykes** - December 23, 2024 at 09:02 PM



*Missing you grandma! Love you!*

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**Skylar** - June 19, 2025 at 03:56 AM