



## Jean Berry

November 11, 1926 - December 12, 2024

Jean Marjorie Berry, 98, died on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community in Waverly.

She was born on November 11, 1926, in Marshalltown, Iowa, the daughter of Burton and Onalee (Silence) Wickersham. She received her bachelor's degree from Iowa State Teachers College in 1948. On December 28, 1949, she was united in marriage to Robert Berry in Cedar Falls. He preceded her in death on February 12, 2010. She worked as a 3rd and 5th grade elementary school teacher for Cedar Falls Community Schools for 28 years until her retirement in 1986. She was also a member of Iota Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma and the First Presbyterian Church of Cedar Falls.

Jean is survived by her children, Susan (Robert) Gerken of Fort Pierce, FL, and Paul (Lori) Berry of Janesville; grandchildren, Jason (Jenni) Gerken of Neenah, WI, Ashley (Jarrod) James of Omaha, NE, Nicholas Berry of Waterloo, and Emily (Matt) Hoffert of Mt. Vernon; eleven great-grandchildren, and brother, Charles Wickersham of Cedar Falls.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert.

Family-directed graveside services will be 11:00 a.m. June 6, 2025, at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls.

# Cemetery Details

## Iowa Veterans Cemetery

34024 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Adel, IA 50003

# Previous Events

## Family Directed Graveside Service

JUN 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MB

“ I taught with Jean at Lincoln in the 1980's. She was a great partner in teaching our 5th graders (right Jason?) May your happy memories sustain you.  
*Mim Baker*

Mim Baker - December 16, 2024 at 10:00 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jean Berry.

December 14, 2024 at 10:58 PM

LS

“ So sorry to hear of Jeans passing She and Bob lived next door to us in cedar falls She was such a sweet lady Praying for all the family  
*Lynn Stock*

Lynn Stock - December 14, 2024 at 12:46 PM

KW

“ Sue, Ron and family  
Our deepest sympathies on the passing of your mother. May memories bring you comfort and may God grant you peace in the coming days.  
*Kerri Wilson*



Kerri Wilson - December 14, 2024 at 10:40 AM

KA

“ Many good thoughts and prayers to the family of Jean Berry. Mrs Berry was my grade school teacher at Orchard Hill Elementary in 1965-66. She was my favorite teacher. I remember at parent teacher conferences she always told my parents I was never working up to my ability. She was right of course and perhaps that’s what help shaped my life. I wish I could thank her and let her know I did alright in my life. Thank you Mrs Berry! Kevin Alderman

Kevin Alderman - December 13, 2024 at 11:24 PM

MB

Sue, Paul, and family,  
I taught with your mom at Lincoln Elementary. We became friends with your parents. Your mother was a wonderful cook; we enjoyed many delicious meals with them. Kathy Cunningham, your mom, and I lunched together many times. She was such fun! Our sympathy to all the family. We’re thinking of you.  
Blessings,  
Marlene & Bud Baumhover

Marlene Baumhover - December 14, 2024 at 12:04 PM

CB

Paul, Sue , and family , Very sorry for your loss .

Chuck Benton - December 17, 2024 at 01:20 PM