



## Joan Ferguson

July 16, 1943 - July 26, 2010

Joan Ferguson (1943-2010)

WATERLOO? Joan Louise Ferguson, 67, of Waterloo, and previously of Davenport, Iowa, died July 26, 2010 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born July 16, 1943 in Oelwein, Iowa, the daughter of Lloyd and Jeanette Platt. She married Wendell J. Ferguson on June 24, 1967 in Davenport, Iowa.

Mrs. Ferguson graduated from Central High School, Davenport, in 1961; received her bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Illinois in 1965 and her master's degree from Western Illinois University in 1993. Joan taught elementary music in Oak Park, MI and Ladue, MO, before joining the Davenport staff for 20 years. She continued teaching in Dike-New Hartford for 16 years, where she experienced working with a professional and caring staff. She valued her students and delighted in their progress. She retired in 2008.

In Davenport, she was active in the Junior Board of the Quad-City Symphony, piloting the annual Symphony Day for area elementary students, the Visiting Nurse Association of Rock Island and conducted the 150 voice children's musical for the Luis Palau Crusade.

She lived life to the fullest, loved travelling with her husband and friends, and delighted in being a mother. Her greatest joy was sharing the gospel and seeing people accept the gift of Salvation through Jesus Christ.

Survived by: her husband, Wendell, one daughter, Elizabeth Ann Bryant

(Josh) of Bondurant, IA: a son, John Ferguson of Waterloo, IA; and two sisters, Janis Platt (John Adams) of San Francisco, CA, and Adena Vilt of Davenport, IA.

Preceded in death by: her parents, Lloyd and Jeanette Platt.

Services: Saturday, July 31, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Bethany Bible Chapel, Cedar Falls. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 30, 2010 at the Richardson Funeral Home, Cedar Falls, and one hour before services on Saturday.

Memorials may be made to: Bethany Bible Chapel, The Gideons, Cedar Valley Hospice House, or Dike-New Hartford Elementary Music Department.

# Tribute Wall



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“ *I am sending a letter, but wanted to let you know my heart is with your entire family in case the card doesn't find you. I am one of the very fortunate to have had Mrs. Ferguson as my elementary music teacher in Davenport. She was an exceptional educator and an inspiring woman. I am celebrating my 20th year of teaching elementary music and hope to motivate my students as she had for me (believe me, VERY BIG shoes to fill!) I have wonderful memories of her and her dedication to Johnson Elementary School. My mother, father and sister all wanted to know how she enriched our lives. My mother actually babysat newborn Elizabeth. I hope you know how much Mrs. Ferguson meant to so many people. Deepest sympathy, Melissa Mast*

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July 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Ferguson, as our daughters will remember her, was a wonderful, caring teacher. We appreciate how she fostered her love of music to our children. Many blessings and prayers to your family.

*Terry, Julianne, Mackenzie and Addie*

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“ Our herts go out for Wendell and family. This has been a long, difficult road. We have seen so much of Merlyn's sickness and death duplicated in Joan. We know she is "far better", away from suffering and sorrow. She has been a tremendous testimony for the Lord. We can't feel sorry for her, but we do feel sorry for those left behind. We have all sustained a great loss.

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“ We have such mixed emotions. Joan is with our dear Savior, but we miss her VERY much. What a trip it has been. We will be continuing to pray for you all.

*Much love in our dear Jesus, Fred and Sue*

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July 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM