



Kathryn Ann Jessen

July 13, 1952 - March 23, 2015

Kathryn Ann “Kathy” Jessen (1952-2015)

CEDAR FALLS- Kathryn Ann “Kathy” Jessen, 62, of Cedar Falls, died Monday, March 23, 2015 at her home.

She was born July 13, 1952, in Cedar Falls, daughter of Clark E. and Winifred L. (Dove) Clayton. She married Don Jessen on May 8, 1981 in Waterloo.

She graduated from Northern University High School in 1970.

Survived by: her husband of Cedar Falls; two daughters, Alison (Greg Luniewski) Jessen of Seattle, WA, and Julie Jessen of Iowa City; two granddaughters, Rachel and Abigail Jessen; her mother, Winifred Clayton of Cedar Falls; and two brothers, Roger (Kay) Clayton of Waterloo and David (Thoa) Clayton of San Jose, CA.

Preceded in death by: her father.

Family directed memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday JUNE 26, 2015, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls.

Memorials may be directed to the church.

Previous Events

Family Directed Memorial Service

JUN **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
2812 Willow Lane
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Janet Bremm lit a candle in memory of
Kathryn Ann Jessen* ”



janet bremm - April 06, 2015 at 08:57 AM

JD

“ This is an email I wrote to Kathy, but never sent. I decided to call instead. I tried several times, getting Don once but not Kathy. The last time I tried was on Monday. Perhaps it's just as well, but I want to share my email now. Maybe this is the right time...Jim Dreier

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Greetings Kathy, I have been intending to write to you (or call or even stop in and see you) ever since our reunion almost five years ago. You can see how I failed completely in all of those goals. I'm sorry for this on many levels. I have contact with Marcia and a few other of your gang through Face Book, have hung out together all these years, so I know that you are in hospice care now.

I wish so much that you would be healthy and well enough to be at the 45th (??) reunion in June. As you know I have rented the Eagles Lodge and my band the Beaker Brothers will play. I will be counting on many of our mutual NUHS friends to help with additional planning. I know you want to help plan and be there too, but it seems you are looking at the last chapters of your life-book. I'm guessing you are managing this time as you have your whole life; with honesty, clarity, aplomb, humility and a touch of humor.

As one of the K-12 gang at Campus School, we are that group that has a somewhat narrow, but well defined friendship in the larger spectrum of life. Kathy, from a perspective far away it seems your life has been a good, your fight with cancer inspiring and you have built a legacy of love and family. I'm not sure there is anything more important than that.

To me you will always be both that cute little girl in kindergarten that caught my eye and the strong women who fought for her health and survived with the help of her family, humor, friendship and love.

Your friend always, Jim

James Dreier - March 29, 2015 at 06:58 PM

MS

“ Don,

I can't put into words how much respect and admiration I have for Kathryn. She was so kind and had a heart of gold. I will forever be grateful to God for having met her and I will forever be in awe of her selfless love of life.

Please know that she was loved by all of us at the center and she will be missed. And for me, personally, please know that she represented everything good and strong in life.

My condolences are with you and your whole family. Having lost my own mother to cancer six years ago, I well remember the struggle of death. You are all in my prayers daily!

Don't be a stranger, I don't know what we'll do without you wandering around the center, coffee in hand, visiting with the staff :)

Peace to you, Don!

Molly Skilling

Molly Skilling - March 27, 2015 at 09:17 AM

JF

*Sorry to hear about Kathy's passing. Peace be with you.
Aunt June*

June Feist - March 30, 2015 at 07:10 PM

KC

Don, We were unaware of Kathy's illness and will always be sorry not to have seen her to give her another hug. Please know we send you and the family our heartfelt sympathy and prayers for support. We enjoyed Kathy, as a valued associate, and friend during so many really great times and loved her spirit and attitude. She was a gem ! We know that God has another special Angel in his midst. We're so very sorry you must endure this loss. God bless and give you strength, Sincerely, Kevan and Shelley Cortright and Family

kevan cortright - April 05, 2015 at 07:19 PM

JM

Don, I was so sorry to read of Kathy's passing. I only met her a couple times when she and Chuck were at the center at the same time. She seemed like a very kind and loving person. I'm sure she'll be dearly missed but the pain and suffering are over for her and she's now at peace. God bless you and your family. Joan McCready.

Joan McCready - April 08, 2015 at 12:01 AM