



Linda Janssen

February 9, 1945 - December 23, 2009

Linda L. Janssen (1945-2009)

CEDAR FALLS-Linda L. Janssen, 64, of the Cedar Falls Lutheran Home died there Wednesday, December 23, 2009.

She was born February 9, 1945, in Waterloo, Iowa, the daughter of Edgar Norman and Maxine Cavanaugh Mann Smith. She graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1963. On September 18, 1970, she was united in marriage to Jerell Janssen in Cedar Falls. He died October 17, 2008.

She was employed at Viking Pump in Cedar Falls in data processing and later taught at American Institute of Business (AIB).

Survivors include two sisters, Janet S. (Jerry) Rasmussen of Waterloo and Nancy A. (Mark) Kelley of Cedar Falls; nephew, Carl (Melodie) Janssen of Elk Run Heights; sister-in-law, Mona Smith of Elizabeth, CO; and numerous other nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by her parents, and brother, Stuart "Stu" Smith.

Services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 29, 2009 at the Cedar Falls Lutheran Home Chapel, with interment in the Garden of

Memories, Waterloo. Friends may call from 4 to 7:00 p.m. Monday at Richardson Funeral Home, Cedar Falls, and also one hour prior to services Tuesday at the chapel.

Memorial contributions to be designated at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *To Linda's family,
Her smile and outgoing personality will surely be missed. Her help
on class reunions and organizing was always appreciated.*

March 29, 2013 at 02:50 PM



“ Wow! Where do I begin?

You may not know me, but I was one of Linda's best friends through elementary, junior high and grade school. She lived about one block from me and we would walk back and forth between our homes for "visits".

We were in brownies and girl scouts together and then when we reached high school "Smithy" was on our basketball team. How lucky could we be? The one thing I could not understand was how she could run so fast and far in her tiny size 6 shoes.

One of the things I did not do with her and declined the invitation, was to "cruise" in Waterloo during our teen years! She was a wild lady!!

AS many of you know, Linda's birthday is in February and today I found myself thinking I needed to get a card in the mail in order for her to receive it by February 9th. Granted, I might have missed a few birthdays, but more birthday cards and Christmas cards were sent throughout the years than one would ever guess!

I also tried to speak with her when I had time and she was available to answer the phone. Her laugh and her voice were very unique.

She was one of the many women who attended a 70th birthday party for my mom when I could not make it back. Mom enjoyed the love she received from all of my friends!

Linda attended both my father and mother's funerals in the 1990's and her smile was there for me.

We both remember the one time she and Jerrell had dinner with me at the Brown Bottle in Iowa City. It was a great meal with good conversation.

I have only attended a few of the high school reunions, but I am very happy that I got to see Linda in this decade too. We would talk about her cancer openly and freely from the beginning to the end. She was one lucky lady to have lived all of these years! She will remain in my heart forever.

Peace to her family, and "Jannie" I love you! I can't believe so many of your family have died so young!

January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I was saddened by the passing of Linda, she was an awesome teacher and great friend...We remained friends even after I graduated from BIT in 86. Linda was always upbeat and had a wonderful attitude towards life..We had some fun times and I will always remember her for the great spirit that was and had. Her family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Linda's wonderful attitude and upbeat personality will be missed by all of us in the class of 1963. In spite of all her health problems, Linda was always had a smile and was willing to help in any way she could. She was named one of our "Hometown Heroes" at the 45th reunion. I am better for knowing her.

December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM