



Lisa McKinstry

April 18, 1953 - January 25, 2023

*** The service will also be livestreamed via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83144679985> ***

Lisa Boysen McKinstry, 69, of Cedar Falls, died on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at Western Home Communities – Martin Suites.

She was born on April 18, 1953, in Cedar Falls, the daughter of Dale Herbert and Marilyn Moss Boysen. She graduated from Cedar Falls High School then received her BS from the University of Northern Iowa. She married Doug Johnson in Cedar Falls, later divorcing. She then married Stephen McKinstry in Cedar Falls and later divorced. She worked for the Waterloo Community School District for 25 years before retiring in 2015.

Lisa is survived by her children: Brandon (Tiffany Crain) Johnson of Burbank, CA, Chivas (Kim) Keller of Norwalk, IA, and Emily (Josef) Kadlec of Waterloo, IA; grandchildren: Derrick, Allie, Aubree, and Dallas Keller, and Emerson and Jillian Kadlec; sisters, Connie (Mark Kitrell) DeHaan of Cedar Falls, IA, and Barb (Bill) Clements of Greenwood, IN; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Cedar Falls. Visitation 4:00-7:00 p.m. Tuesday at Richardson Funeral Service. Inurnment at Fairview Cemetery in Cedar Falls at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to the Lisa McKinstry Memorial Fund through the Waterloo Schools Foundation, which will support the advancement of the student experience within the Waterloo Community School District and allow students to further their passions, life skills, and other interests to become leaders and innovators of our world.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Memorial Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
2410 Melrose Drive
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 277-8520
<http://stlukescf.org>

Tribute Wall

DP

“ Lisa was a daughter of my mother’s good friend, a friend of my sister, an older sister of my friend Barbie and the mother of a young woman with whom I taught.
She played many important roles in my life. I was privileged to know her. A small part of me is now missing. Rest in peace dear Lisa.

Dede Porter - February 02, 2023 at 09:05 AM

MB

“ When I see the words selfless, inclusive, and loving, I see you Ms. McKinstry. If you were a student at East High School you knew this without a doubt. Thank you for all the love you shared with all of us. Killa, you were truly one of a kind and I will forever remember you.

Mylita Barnes - January 31, 2023 at 04:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lisa McKinstry.



January 31, 2023 at 03:00 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Lisa McKinstry.



January 31, 2023 at 02:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Lisa McKinstry.



January 31, 2023 at 02:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Lisa McKinstry.



January 30, 2023 at 10:25 AM

“ Lisa Louise:

We were friends from the moment we met in fourth grade at Lincoln School and had a crush on the same boy. Lisa showed me how she could change her name into USA by connecting the “L” and the “I” together. She could draw and write beautifully.

I spent many weekends with Lisa at the Boysen household, hanging out with Lisa after she had her wisdom teeth out and didn't want to return to school when she thought she looked like a chipmunk. Staying overnight in Lisa's paneled bedroom. So much to look at in that bedroom, with the windows under the eaves, on three sides of the house. Everything in order. Bookshelves, desk, an oval mirror, twin beds arranged this way and then that way. Lisa was always restaging things in her room. The bedroom was next to the completely pink bathroom, on the floor where the three sisters, Lisa, Barbie Jo, and Connie, had their bedrooms. It was the girls' floor of their house on West 12th street.

Lisa loved to buy gifts for people when there was no clear occasion, other than that she wanted to: For years into my adulthood, I had a candle holder and a bright red and fuchsia scarf she'd given me. Things I would never have purchased for myself, and cherished.

Lisa loved buying clothes. She was always running up a bill for clothing at Maggie's Youth Shop in downtown Cedar Falls and always had clothing on layaway. We would stop in her dad's Lumber yard when we were downtown where her dad had a picture of the three girls, framed, on the wall. Lisa and I were cheerleaders together and on the Student Council together in Junior High. Lisa was my campaign manager for student council in 7th grade, always more outgoing that I was. Lisa was pretty and lively and humorous. She engaged with people with complete confidence. Always in the mix of things.

I remember that I was always trying to make my handwriting as

beautiful as Lisa's was. And that I loved her smile. The Boysen smile.

Lisa did all things with abundance— from the soups she made at the corner restaurant she worked at, to baking birthday cakes for her students to the love she gave to others. Lisa was such a significant part of my growing up years and I am so sorry she has left us. How can we be here without her?

MARSHA PORTER - January 29, 2023 at 06:44 PM

MC

“ *Brandon and Emily, my deepest sympathy in the loss of your mother. She was always a bright shining light in any room.*

Mike Cavin - January 29, 2023 at 04:03 PM

TS

“ *Ms. McKinstry was a person who was a champion for children! Always showed unconditional Love by given Birthday cakes and if the child was not at school that day she drove the cakes to there home. I have 4 sons and she made sure they all had there birthday cakes. Thank you for sharing your mom with are community.*

The Sudduth's

Toril E Sudduth - January 28, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Lisa McKinstry.*



January 28, 2023 at 01:04 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lisa McKinstry.*



January 28, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lisa McKinstry.*



January 28, 2023 at 09:09 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Lisa McKinstry.*



January 28, 2023 at 07:41 AM



“ *I will be forever grateful for Lisa's congenial personality. She had a spiritual ability to embrace all! Her smile and love will always warm my heart!*

Kathy Kline - January 27, 2023 at 03:45 PM

JF

“ *Justin Rathjen & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lisa McKinstry.*



Justin Rathjen & Family - January 27, 2023 at 03:37 PM