



## Loretta B. Jans

August 12, 1923 - May 28, 2012

Loretta Berneice Jans was born August 12, 1923, to Bert Saltou and Alta Lee in Northwood, Iowa. She was an only child.

Loretta was a graduate of Dike High School and planned to go to Gates College in Waterloo. However, she fell in love with Burdette Jans and married him on July 17, 1942, in Rolla, Missouri. While Burdette was serving in the South Pacific, Loretta gave birth to their first child, Paulette. In 1945 Burdette returned from military service and he and Loretta began farming. In 1947, Loretta gave birth to their second daughter, Connie. For the next twenty years they farmed in Grundy County and Black Hawk County.

Burdette and Loretta made life changes – they moved into town and became realtors. Loretta sold real estate for the next 38 years representing Jans Realty, then Trapp Realtors. Real estate became a passion and she was rewarded by attaining the Medallion Club status several times, The Iowa Association of Realtors Bronze and Silver Achievement Awards, and a treasure chest of letters of appreciation from generations of clients.

Church life has always been a priority of Loretta's and the Mary Faith Circle has provided treasured friendships and meaningful purpose.

Loretta passed away Monday, May 28, 2012. She will be forever remembered

by her daughters, Paulette (Larry) Wood of Windsor Heights, Connie (Gery) Deaver of Cedar Falls; four grandchildren, Ross Wood of Des Moines, Steven Wood of Des Moines, Kristi (John) Uselding of Huxley, Kara (Paul) Chang of Cambridge, MA; and four great-grandchildren, Ashton Bellah of Des Moines, Claire and Addison Uselding of Huxley, and Chloe Change of Cambridge, MA.

Services will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 2, 2012 at Prairie Lakes Church in Cedar Falls, with burial in Reinbeck Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at Richardson Funeral Service, and also for one prior to services Saturday at the church. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Burdette E. and Loretta B. Jans Scholarship Fund at Hawkeye Community College.

Online condolences may be left at [www.richardsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.richardsonfuneralservice.com).

# Tribute Wall

PR

“ *Girls & families, Please know what a Special person and friend your mother was. She will be missed by a lot of people. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Pam Rousselow** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

VT

“ *We share in the loss of your mom. She was a wonderful lady. We enjoyed greeting her as she came to church and always had a great conversation with her. May God's peace overwhelm you at this time.*

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**Velda Timmerman** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

CR

“ *We met Loretta & Burdette several years ago when we rented an apartment from them in Waterloo. We were really impressed with both of them because they were such nice, honest people.*

*When we looked for a home to purchase in 1998, Loretta was happy to be our realtor. We had a lot of fun with her and always looked forward to her fun phone messages, telling us about new listings. She worked hard for us to find the perfect home and always insisted on driving us around in style. We had a lot of laughs, too, when she showed us some real doozies! (We remember a home with nude sculptures and a basement full of birds. She just said, "Oh my!")*

*Loretta was such a kind person with a wonderful personality and sense of humor. We are so very sorry for your loss and will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Chris & Tyann Rouw** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

KC

“ Sorry to hear our loss to your family. Your mom was a wonderful woman. I will miss with your and Gery.

*Kim Carbiener*

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**Kim Carbiener** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

RM

“ Dear Connie and Family,  
So sorry to hear of Loretta's passing. She was a grand lady and I had much respect and affection for her! What precious reunions await us in heaven!!

*We are currently in Florida so we'll miss the services. God Bless...  
Marcia*

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**Ron and Marcia Michaelsen** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

BS

“ Dear family of Loretta,  
We were so sorry to read of your mother's passing in the Courier. She was such a sweet lady and we have many fond memories of her. Our first meeting was at First Baptist when we first moved to C.F. and when I worked there as secretary. I was also a member of Mary Faith Circle. Then in 1991 she helped us buy our first house there in Cedar Falls. She was always so gracious and so much fun to be around. I pray that your memories will always bring a smile to your face. I know she will be greatly missed but we have the assurance that we'll see her again one day. With love and sincere sympathy. Betty & John Stocker

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**Betty Stocker** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

JJ

“ *Dear Paulette and Connie: Please accept my sympathy at your loss of this wonderful lady. Our family's memories on the farm are a great part of my childhood memories...I loved and respected your Mom and your Dad and carry their memories in my heart. With love,*  
*JoAnn Heckroth Jansen*

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**JoAnn Heckroth Jansen** - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM