



Janice Bahr

January 4, 1944 - February 11, 2021

Janice Bahr, 77, of Alden, passed away Thursday, February 11, 2021 at her home. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Woodley Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Iowa Falls is caring for Janice and her family.

Janice was born January 4, 1944 to Ferman and Carolyn (Johnson) Watson in Emmetsburg, Iowa. She attended country school and graduated from Ringsted High School in 1962. She attended Emmetsburg Junior College in Emmetsburg, Iowa.

Janice worked for the Coop Elevator in Graettinger before transferring to Buckeye. She married Robert Bahr in Iowa Falls on June 28, 1975. She chose to be a stay-at-home mom once she had her daughter Elaine and son Wendell. After her kids were out of school, she worked briefly at Pineview Elementary as an Associate in the Library. Janice also worked at Apple Ridge Orchard. She loved her job at the Dairy Queen in Iowa Falls where she relished her time with the customers and co-workers.

Janice was very active in her church. She taught Sunday School at the First United Methodist Church for over 30 years. She also loved to help with Bible School and assisted where she could with other events. Janice is also fondly remembered for her role as a Girl Scout Leader and her 20 years leading the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program in the Iowa Falls community schools. She was the ultimate school volunteer helping with many fundraisers and projects over the years. She received the Governor's Volunteer Award in 1989.

Janice never met a stranger. As soon as she met someone, they were lifelong friends. She may be best remembered for writing letters and sending cards to everyone on their birthdays, anniversaries, and other special events.

Janice enjoyed traveling and having adventures. She especially loved going places with the Iowa Falls State Bank. She visited most of the 50 states, 11 Canadian Provinces and several countries in Europe. She loved to take pictures of her adventures and bring home

souvenirs for friends and family. She attended the Montreal World's Fair in 1967, Atlanta Olympics in 1996 and the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics in 2002.

Her other hobbies were reading, gardening, and raising chickens. She also enjoyed playing cards, board games and she belonged to two bowling leagues.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of 45 years, Robert Bahr; a daughter, Elaine Bahr; son, Wendell Bahr both of Alden, Iowa; three sisters, Dietta (Dee) Watson of Lengby, Minnesota, Linda (Ron) Christensen and Norma Jackson, both of Graettinger, Iowa. She is also survived by eight brothers-in-law and eight sisters-in-law. Along with her aunt, Karen Johnson and Godson Isaiah Rustad, Janice also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; many aunts and uncles; several cousins; her husband's parents; four sisters-in-law; five brothers-in-law; a niece and two nephews.

Comments



“ Janice was a very kind and sharing person and will be missed by her Dairy Queen family. She would brighten our day with here smile and love she had for everyone. She made all the customers feel welcome and would have a compliment for everyone.

Steve and Rose Wilson

Steven Wilson - February 19 at 11:01 AM



“ Though we didn't see each other very much, she was always a fun person, God Bless her. Sorry for missing the funeral but could figure when it was to be.

Kathleen Warling - February 18 at 12:49 AM



“ I remember Janice was working at the Dairy Queen when I was at a pastor's meeting in her church in Iowa Falls. I looked at my wife and said. "I think that is Janice Watson". Sure enough, when I went up to talk to her; she stop what she was doing and took time to visit with us. Janice was always a friend to everyone. She will be missed by many. (Don and Myra Nelson)

Donald Nelson - February 17 at 02:16 PM



“ I graduated with her sister Norma. My sympathies to the family.
Kathy Johnson(Hansen)

Kathy Johnson (Hansen) - February 17 at 10:34 AM



“ We had a great farm neighborhood, and Janice was a part of that. I can still hear her giggle when something funny would tickle her. We never turned down an invitation to make and eat ice cream at the the Watson house. Many softball games were played on Sunday afternoons, rotating from farm to farm. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Carol Sorenson

Carol Sorenson - February 16 at 09:41 PM



“ .Such a beautiful soul..so many memories growing up and visiting the farm...The Olympics in Atlanta....enjoyed an almost all night of laughter...she was a gem and loved by many...proud to be your cousin and friend

Barbara (Fread) Garrett - February 16 at 08:01 PM



“ Janice was a very special neighbor for many years! All the softball games we had and never did we at the Ulrich household miss a trip to Sunday School with them! Rest In Peace Janice and you will be missed by many! Our thoughts and prayers to all the Family!

Jewell Polzin - February 16 at 10:28 AM



“ There is a generation of readers in Iowa Falls who were always encourage by Janice. And that's only one of the programs she generously devoted her time. Prayers to Bob, Elaine and Wendell.

Cindy McDonald Forr - February 15 at 07:35 PM



“ 10 files added to the album Janice's memories



Carol G - February 15 at 06:20 PM



“ Janice was a wonderful, creative, kind-hearted person and will be missed. Our sympathy to your family. She was an important part of the children's program at church and I always enjoyed seeing her and visiting with her there. For MANY years she remembered all of us and many others throughout the community with birthday cards. Peace to you.
Linn and JoAnne Adams

Linn and JoAnne Adams - February 15 at 06:10 PM



“ Janice was a very sweet woman. She was always friendly and helpful at Dairy Queen. She gave her time to community projects and was helpful and generous giving time to the children's Library program at the Alden Library. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.
Chris and Joe Slauson

Christine Slauson - February 15 at 02:52 PM



“ Janice's influence and love will forever be felt in the hearts of her family and friends and throughout her community. Warm thoughts of sympathy are with you now, along with a prayer that God will be especially close to your family in the days ahead.

Charlie and Carol Gilbert - February 15 at 11:27 AM



“ you have our sincere sympathy. Janice and I have had so many fun times together .she was a very generous person. and would give you anything if she had it to give. she was a real sweetheart, I am going to miss her so much.

Connie Metzgar - February 13 at 10:07 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I had first met Janice through Girl Scouts, then later around town and for years at the library and Dairy Queen. I always enjoyed our visits together... I will miss her. Maretta Curtis

Maretta Curtis - February 12 at 06:06 PM



“ Sorry for your loss, she was a caring and kind person. She will be missed dearly.

Steve & Loretta Bahr - February 12 at 02:51 PM



“ Prayers go out for Aunt Janice and her family. She will be missed at the family gatherings.

Jerry and Nancy Ford and family.

Jerry and Nancy Ford - February 12 at 02:21 PM