



Beth Claussen

August 7, 1965 - February 7, 2021

Beth Claussen, 55, of Ackley, passed away Sunday, February 7, 2021 at her home, after a short but fierce battle with lymphoma. Funeral services will be 10:00 AM Thursday, February 11, 2021 at the St. John's United Church of Christ in Ackley. She will be laid to rest at the Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 PM Wednesday, February 10 at the church. The family requests that masks and social distancing guidelines be adhered to. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the family. Woodley Funeral Home, LLC of Iowa Falls is caring for Beth and her family. The service will be live-streamed on the St. John's Facebook page.

Beth Renee Claussen was born August 7, 1965, to Ron and Sharon (Schutt) Brandt. She graduated from Ackley-Geneva Schools, Class of 1983, and later from Capri Cosmetology in Mason City. Beth was a hair stylist and operated her own salon for over 35 years, opening The Cut Above in May 1985. She enjoyed cutting hair, but even more, she specialized in supporting and encouraging others through conversation and laughter. She had a special place in her heart for her older clients, often picking them up for appointments and returning them home safely.

On December 31, 1995 Beth was united in marriage to Randy Claussen. Their family included two sons, Derek and Brandt. She was an EMT with the Ackley Volunteer Ambulance Service for 10 years and a faithful member of St. John's

United Church of Christ where she served as a youth leader and Sunday School teacher for years.

Beth was an amazing cook and often volunteered to bring meals, sweets or made-from-scratch cinnamon rolls. She loved to garden, can, and spent endless hours on her flower beds and was especially partial to hostas. She could often be seen caring for flower beds at Grand JiVante, her parents' farm and within the community. Beth enjoyed playing cards and found a robust love for bridge. She was an avid reader and found that most every book was "the best she had read in a long time." She was a member of the Alpha Epsilon Master Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in Ackley and enjoyed doing activities with the friends in that group. Beth will long be remembered for her fun sense of humor, her amazingly generous heart, her determination, and especially her deep love for the Ackley community.

Beth is survived by her loving husband, Randy; sons, Derek (Ashley) Claussen and Brandt Claussen, all of Ackley; two grandsons, Marshall and Zach Claussen; her father, Ron Brandt of Ackley; two brothers, Wade (Suzy) Brandt of Hermosa, SD and Drew (Susan) Brandt of Ackley; sister, Jane (Steve) Lindaman of Waterloo; her mother-in-law, Lois Simons of Antioch, TN; sisters-in-law, Jodee Orgall of Alden and Kim (Keith) Tomlinson of Antioch, TN; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her mother, Sharon Brandt; her father-in-law, Al Simons and brother-in-law, Brian Claussen of Neligh, NE.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

Ackley, IA 50601

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. John's United Church of Christ
716 3rd Avenue
Ackley, IA 50601

Service

FEB 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ Oh God, Beth, it looks like Mary Jo Harms is doing quite well for herself.

Mary Rameyer - November 12, 2025 at 06:17 AM

MR

“ Hey Beth,

I research cold cases.

Mary Jo Rameyer - September 20, 2025 at 05:31 AM

MF

“ I think you were
I research Iowa Cold Cases. You know darn well that work is perfect for me.
Mary Jo Rameyer

Mary Jo Frieden - November 01, 2024 at 10:26 AM

MR

“ Farm fun memories

Mary Jo Rameyer - August 18, 2024 at 06:29 PM

WF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Beth's passing. My deepest sympathies and condolences to the wonderful Brandt family.
Wendy Iverson Fredericks

Wendy Fredericks - February 12, 2021 at 11:08 PM

RC

“ Beth will be missed by her family, friends church and community. She was a very giving person always there when there was something to be done. Her faith came through in everything she did. God bless. Marvin and Roberta Clawson

Roberta Clawson - February 11, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Beth Claussen.



February 10, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Beth Claussen.



February 10, 2021 at 01:33 PM

WS

“ Waterloo Schools Education Services Staff purchased the Loving Grace for the family of Beth Claussen.



Waterloo Schools Education Services Staff - February 10, 2021 at 09:06 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beth Claussen.*



February 09, 2021 at 09:59 PM



“ *Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of Beth Claussen.*



February 09, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Beth Claussen.*



February 09, 2021 at 04:18 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. She was a truly wonderful person.
Tim and Deanne Ubben*

tim ubben - February 09, 2021 at 04:17 PM

KL

“ We send our deepest sympathy to the family of Beth. She was a dear, sweet person and a wonderful hair stylist. May God keep each one of you in His care.

Kent and Elaine Larson - February 09, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beth Claussen.



February 09, 2021 at 12:26 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beth Claussen.



February 09, 2021 at 12:13 PM

MM

“ Beth was so tolerant of Randy's antics! Reminiscing the past few days has reminded me of her tolerance for Randy's love of big bonfires. Like really big bonfires. She tolerated these until two awnings were damaged because of sparks. She also encouraged us to try new foods while camping. One we all remember is the milk can supper. A milk can was lined with corn husks, then filled with any kind of vegetable or meat we thought of. Add a little beer, roast over hot coals, and eventually a meal for 40 people was served out of plastic totes! She will be missed dearly!

Mandy Meyer - February 09, 2021 at 09:31 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Beth Claussen.*



February 09, 2021 at 09:08 AM



“ *Beth was always so positive and upbeat. I have so many memories of her from high school and how she made us all laugh (especially in our senior year). I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Lisa Korwes Gear - February 08, 2021 at 10:39 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Beth Claussen.*



February 08, 2021 at 10:04 PM



“ *John & Sandy Rigter, & Lori Wille purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Beth Claussen.*



John & Sandy Rigter, & Lori Wille - February 08, 2021 at 05:22 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Beth Claussen.*



February 08, 2021 at 04:26 PM