



Connie Surls

December 23, 1939 - December 3, 2023

Connie Surls, 83, of Iowa Falls, passed away Sunday, December 3, 2023 at Scenic Manor. Funeral services will be 11:00 AM Saturday, December 9, 2023 at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Iowa Falls. She will be laid to rest at the Union Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9:30 AM until service time on Saturday at the church. In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the Connie Surls Scholarship Fund. Woodley Funeral Home of Iowa Falls is caring for Connie and her family.

Connie Jean Surls, 83, departed the world of sickness and pain and into the heavenly world on December 3, 2023, with her family by her side.

Connie Jean Surls was born on December 23, 1939, to Marjorie LaVonne (Judson) Squier and Kenneth LeRoy Surls. She grew up in Iowa Falls and was a graduate of IFHS in 1957. She began her career at age 16, a senior in high school, working for Norm Ingebritson at Commercial Bookkeeping where she prepared income tax and monthly statements for many businesses in Iowa Falls. On June 16, 1957, she married Franklin W. Thies and to this union Bret, Tony, Ann, Bruce and Jill were born.

Connie moved from the farm to town in 1977 with her children. She was then hired in the accounting office at Farmland Foods. After a few years, she then accepted a position at Competition Chemicals in Iowa Falls. In 1989, she

decided to move to Des Moines and became a staff assistant for Senator Tom Harkin. Later, she became an Executive Secretary for the state USDA in Waukee. After taking the government buy out, she came back to Iowa Falls and received her degree in medical technology from Ellsworth Community College. She became a medical transcriptionist for McFarland Clinic and later worked for Dr. Pisney at Ellsworth Family Medicine as an office assistant. Even during retirement, she continued to work part time for Hatlevig Homes to appease her love of being a people person.

Connie loved to do crafts and taught ceramics for several years at Connie's Ceramics. She also loved to sew and make items for her kids, grandkids, great-grandkids, and friends. She participated in many craft shows to show her creativity and in later years sold her wares at local businesses.

Connie truly enjoyed watching football and basketball. Always asking friends of family what channel they were playing on. She became an avid ticket holder for the Iowa State Cyclones and even had an ISU license plate that said "TOOTISU". (Connie's given nickname from her mom + ISU). Majority of her sport watching were for the Iowa Hawkeyes and the Minnesota Vikings.

Connie was a political enthusiast. She ran for Clerk of Court, volunteered her time many years at the polls and loved working for Senator Harkin.

Connie was proud to be a Cadet. She played the bass saxophone in high school. After graduation, she organized and planned many class reunions in which she truly enjoyed getting together with her classmates.

Her main accomplishment was her love for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. If it was posting and sharing on Facebook, attending sporting events, dance recitals, graduations etc., she loved to spend time with them as much as possible and be a part of their lives.

Connie Surls is survived by her children, Bret (Beth) Thies of Indianola, Tony (Mari) Thies of Iowa Falls, Ann (Tom) Humphrey of Polk City, Bruce (Laura) Thies of Iowa Falls and Jill (Kenny) Agan of Ankeny; grandchildren: Brooke Williams, Brandon Thies, Ryan Humphrey, Jaime Vieth, Ashlee Waithanji, Emilee Humphrey, Andrew Humphrey, Austin Thies, Brayden Thies, Brodie Thies, Olivia Agan, Ella Agan, Katie Thies and Sam Agan and 12 great-grandchildren with 2 on the way. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethany Lutheran Church
2712 Washington Avenue
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Service

DEC 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Bob, Marcela, Briar & Brody planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Surls.*

Bob, Marcela, Briar & Brody - December 07, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Connie Surls.*



December 07, 2023 at 03:53 PM

NK

“ *Nancy K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Surls.*

Nancy K. - December 07, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Connie Surls.*



December 07, 2023 at 11:13 AM

TI

“ *The Whites, Grippls, Bloems and Isleys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Surls.*

The Whites, Grippls, Bloems and Isleys - December 06, 2023 at 11:32 AM

TI

“ *The Whites, Grippls, Bloems and Isleys purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Connie Surls.*



The Whites, Grippls, Bloems and Isleys - December 06, 2023 at 11:32 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Connie Surls.*



December 05, 2023 at 07:23 PM

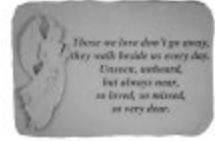
GD

“ *On behalf of the Ellsworth College Foundation we extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Connie.*

Gwen Groen, Foundation Director - December 05, 2023 at 11:52 AM

FU

“ From your RT Family at UPaH purchased the Garden Accent - "Those we love don't go away..." for the family of Connie Surls.



From your RT Family at UPaH - December 05, 2023 at 10:33 AM

MR

“ Marcia Renken lit a candle in memory of Connie Surls

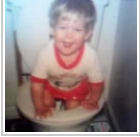


Marcia Renken - December 05, 2023 at 08:42 AM

CN

“ I really enjoyed doing crafts with Connie and one year made Christmas presents for all of my family back when I worked at the Hardin County Sheriff's Office. She would post news from Iowa Falls and I always appreciated that. Bret I'm so sorry for your loss and pray that God will bless you and your family with happy memories and peace.

Cheryl Nolan - December 05, 2023 at 01:14 AM



“ *Cleaning for Connie was always something I looked forward to sitting and visiting with her and hearing stories about things she had done or hearing stories about her kids, grandkids, or great-grandkids, she was so proud of each and every one of you and all your accomplishments, seeing the craft items she had made, we're always something to look forward too and I truly enjoyed getting to know her and considered her not only an employer but also a good friend, one that I will truly miss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of sadness. Connie will always hold a special place in my heart.*

Carol Wood - December 04, 2023 at 09:54 PM



“ *Carol Wood lit a candle in memory of Connie Surls*



Carol Wood - December 04, 2023 at 09:41 PM