



Delores Bender

July 22, 1930 - February 2, 2022

Delores Bender, 91, of Hampton, Iowa, passed away Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at Franklin Country View Nursing Facility in Hampton.

Delores Irene Muhlenbruck was born on July 22, 1930, in Latimer, Iowa, the daughter of Harry and Malinda (Plagge) Muhlenbruck. She was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Evangelical and Reformed Church, Marion Center, rural Latimer. Her formal education was completed in 1948 when she graduated from Latimer High School. On September 7, 1952, she was united in marriage to Robert L. "Bob" Bender. To this union two children were born, Richard Dean and Mary Ann. They lived their entire married life in Hampton, until his death in 1990.

In addition to being a wife and homemaker, Delores worked as superintendent secretary for Latimer school district, was deputy in the Franklin County Treasurer's and Auditor's offices, worked in the Franklin County ASC office, and was superintendent secretary for the Hampton Community School District until she retired on June 30, 1993.

Delores was an active member of the Hampton United Methodist Church serving on the Administration Council and as a member of several committees. As a member of the United Methodist Women (UMW), she served as treasurer, was a Leah Circle member and worked as co-

chairperson of the UMW service groups. She was also a member of the Chancel Choir.

Delores loved her family and friends, enjoyed musical performances, concerts, stage shows, and especially appreciated church organ music and recitals. Some of her hobbies included golf, playing bridge, gardening, knitting, and working on jigsaw and crossword puzzles.

Those left to cherish Delores' memory include her son, Richard (Linda) Bender of Anchorage, Alaska (Richard passed away on March 16, 2022); daughter, Mary Ann Bender of Urbandale; granddaughter, Katie Bender (Erik Anderson) of Anchorage, Alaska; great-grandson, Robert Anderson of Anchorage; brother, Milo (Kay) Muhlenbruck of Greene; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Delores was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Malinda; husband, Bob; sisters, Darleen Muhlenbruck and Deone Muhlenbruck Schulz Deam; brothers-in-law Ralph (Rhoda) Bender and Doug (Shirley) Bender; and sister-in-law Barbara Coe.

A special thank you to all of the staff at Franklin Country View Nursing Facility for their care and compassion given to Delores and her family during her time there.

A visitation will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Saturday, July 9, 2022, at the Hampton United Methodist Church, followed by a service and celebration of life at 1:30. Everyone attending is encouraged to wear bright colored clothing. Counsell Woodley Funeral Home of Hampton is assisting Delores' family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given in memory of Delores

to Franklin General Hospital Foundation or Hampton Municipal Band,
Hampton; Friends of the Arts at St. John's (Lutheran Church), Des Moines, IA;
or Central Lutheran Church, Anchorage, AK.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Hampton United Methodist Church
100 Central Ave E.
Hampton, IA 50441

Celebration Of Life

JUL 9. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Delores Bender



Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory - February 08, 2022 at 12:51 AM

MT

“ I have known Delores for many years. She was a dear friend of my beloved Aunt Adell Eustice. When I visited my Eustice relatives in summer, I always tried to see Delores, too. She was so welcoming and interesting to talk with. When she moved in more independent part of the Franklin Country Nursing Facility, Adell and I visited Delores in her very nice apartment. And., oh my, those were good times chatting it up! Later, when Delores moved to the interim care unit where Adell had moved to, they were able to eat together. I joined them there for breakfast and was so happy to see the long-time friends sustaining each other. I visited in June with my sister Linda, and as ever, Delores was busy watching a golf match! We chatted a good while and as things turned out, I was grateful to have seen her in good spirits. I feel privileged to have known such a warm and friendly woman. I know it will be very sad when next I get to Hampton. My best to Mary Ann and brother.
With gratitude for this friendship,
Mary Ann Todd-Williams

Mary Ann Todd-Williams - February 07, 2022 at 08:40 AM

LS

“ *My sincere condolences to Rick and Maryann. Your mom was a great lady!*

Lori (Van Wert) Smith

Lori Smith - February 05, 2022 at 09:08 PM

DH

“ *I always enjoyed my times with Delores, a gracious, friendly , out giving person whom I greatly admired. She was thoughtful and wise.*

Deborah Harrison - February 05, 2022 at 02:59 PM

LH

“ *She was such a nice, caring person! Enjoyed knowing her!!*

Linda Hamilton - February 05, 2022 at 02:26 PM

PL

“ *A very special lady -always so sweet and friendly. We were neighbors for a few years when first moved here in 1974. Cherish your memories.*

Pat Larsen

Pat Larsen - February 05, 2022 at 02:18 PM

BR

“ Our family shares a sweet bond of memories with Delores through the years. Connections through the school district, as she served as secretary to the superintendent for many years when we first came to Hampton. Times involving a shared membership at church, where she and Bob played a caring role of welcoming our young kids to sit with them while Brian and I sang from the choir loft. Continuing that important title of honorary grandparents with the Artleys for our birthday and holiday celebrations, and making their home available for an occasional overnight stay for the kids when we had obligations out of town. Delores always had a great smile, grateful heart and steadfast faith. Rest in peace, dear friend, and enjoy your well-deserved rewards of heaven. Blessings to Rick and his family and Mary Ann, as you count your blessings and know we care.

Brian & Robbi - February 05, 2022 at 01:07 PM