



## Mari D. Conklin

February 19, 1964 - January 16, 2022

Mari Doreen Conklin, 57, of Allison, passed away Sunday, January 16, 2022, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City. A public visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., Saturday, January 29, 2022, at the Allison Amvet Hall, 718 9th Street, Allison, Iowa 50602. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Mari was born February 19, 1964, in Waverly, to Pete and Esther (Brocka) Boomgarden. She graduated from Allison-Bristow High School. Mari dated Stan Harms of Allison and he was a significant part of her life. She worked at United Equipment Accessories in Waverly.

In her younger years, Mari enjoyed crocheting. She also enjoyed her flowers and gardening. Mari was an exceptional cook and enjoyed smoking and grilling food. Her greatest joy was being a grandma and she adored her one and only grandson.

Mari was an organ donor, and through donation, she was able to help a great number of people. Mari would have been so proud of this.

Mari is survived by her daughter Shelbi Boomgarden-Willoughby of Allison; grandson DeShaun Harrison Smith of Allison; life partner Stan Harms of Allison and his children; siblings Bob (Betty) Boomgarden of Cedar Falls,

RaeAnn (Bill) Codner of Allison, David Boomgarden of Haxton, Colorado; “father” Delbert Harms of Clarksville; “son” Josh Rogers of Allison; along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Jeff Boomgarden and many aunts and uncles.

Memorials may be directed to Mari’s family and sent to 203 5th Street, Allison, Iowa 50602.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Allison Amvet Hall  
718 9th Street  
Allison, IA 50602

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mari D. Conklin.*



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January 26, 2022 at 02:51 AM



“ *Rest in peace passionate lady. I first met Mary at the East Bremer Diner many years ago. Every time I met someone there for a business lunch she remember what I ordered the last time; even weeks ago. Her zest for customer service was so obvious I encouraged to her to apply for a position at UEA. She was a great lady that was passionate about her family, her fellow employees and the Company. You always knew where you stood with Mary. She was not shy about expressing her thoughts. I sincerely appreciated that. We may not have always agreed, but respected each other positions. I will miss you for the straight shooter that you were*

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**Mark Hanawalt** - January 19, 2022 at 05:48 PM



*Well said, Mark. She is dearly missed ❤️*

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**Angi Kueker** - January 19, 2022 at 09:17 PM

WE

“ Oh my precious friend since kindergarten!!!! I loved you then, I love you still, I always have and always will!!! So many wonderful memories through the school day years and beyond. We will miss stopping over and visiting with you and Stan when we are out on a golf cart ride in the summer months. Your cheerful smile and bubbly personality was contagious!!! I'll miss all those hugs and I love you's!!! Rest safe in the arms of Jesus my dear friend.  
Love you more.

Wendy Dralle

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Wendy - January 19, 2022 at 03:22 PM

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“ There is nothing I can say other than how sorry I am. Losing someone so beloved is always heartbreaking. You are in my thoughts. I hold many special memories of Mari and will miss her lovely personality and smile

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Tammy Heffron - January 19, 2022 at 12:23 PM

DM

“ Mari,  
We will miss you at UEA. I loved walking by your work area and you showing me a picture of your grandson. You so loved him and just beamed with pride when you talked about him.  
I also remember when we tried to build the Reinke's faster by trying different sequences, you where up for the challenge and made the different experiments non-boring.  
Rest in peace Mari, we will miss you,  
Deb

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Deborah Malek - January 19, 2022 at 11:14 AM

JW

“ Oh Mari! where do I start. There will definitely be a HUGE void in my life. I can not remember a time when you were not a part of my life. Being your friend meant that I was automatically a part of your family and all of the family treated me that way. You were my maid of honor almost 40 years ago. You were always so positive about everything and just rolled with the punches. I will miss your smile and laugh and that hug every time we saw each other. Rest in peace, my dear friend. You certainly earned it. Watch over Stan, Shelbi and the rest of the family as they heal. You will be remembered forever!

All my love,

Julie

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**Julie Waggett** - January 19, 2022 at 10:25 AM

CW

Mari and Julie were the girls from Allison who found the girls in Waverly were fun too. Whata wonderful friendship started!!!! My mom and Myself loved having Mari wait on us @ the Diner. She is truley a remarkable lady---gone to soon

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**connie Wilharm** - January 23, 2022 at 03:45 PM

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“ I will miss making Mari a tenderloin at Pete & Shorty's. She always had such a contagious smile. Prayers to her friends and family

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**Amy kramer** - January 18, 2022 at 10:35 PM