



Mary L. Kramer

March 5, 1946 - June 19, 2020

Mary Kramer, 74, of rural Ackley, passed away Friday, June 19, 2020 at her home, under the care of her loving family as well as Care Initiatives Hospice. No services are planned at this time. Woodley Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Iowa Falls assisted the family with cremation care.

Mary Lee Kramer was born on March 5, 1946 to Lawrence “Dutch” and Letha Arlene Marie (Jardee) Mersch in Oelwein, Iowa. She graduated from Immaculate Conception Catholic School in 1964. She spent many years working as a nurse’s assistant and helping her father Dutch run a family owned bar, The Hideaway Lounge in Fairbank, Iowa.

In the early 80’s, Mary went to Hawkeye Community College to get her practical nursing license and became an LPN. She worked at various nursing homes and hospitals. She also worked as a factory nurse for a decade with IBP. Mary settled in at Covenant Hospital in Waterloo, where she worked on the psychiatrist ward 5 East for the last twelve years of her career. She was a wonderful caretaker all her life. Mary had one daughter, Wendy (Pat) Hogan and four beautiful grandchildren. Family and friends were very important to Mary and because of that, she was loved by many.

Mary was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2012. She fought hard for the last eight years. In 2018 the cancer metastasized into her brain and her final battle

began. She spent the last few years of her life spending as much time as she could with her friends and family. She moved in with her daughter and son in-law and her family loved and cared for her during her final battle with cancer. She will be truly missed by many.

Mary Kramer is survived by her daughter, Wendy (Pat) Hogan of Ackley, Iowa; grandchildren: Lukas Christopherson, Nik Christopherson, Deklan Hogan and Mara Hogan; sisters, Kay Regenold of Waterloo, Iowa and Bobbie Cole of Montague, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Patricia McGrath.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary Lee was one in a million! She had the best laugh! She has a special place in my heart forever. To Wendy and family, my love to you.*

Christy Carroll - July 05, 2020 at 06:06 PM

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“ *As a kid growing up I really enjoyed our holiday and vacation trips to Iowa to visit my mom's family which included of course, my aunt Mary Lee. What struck me most about aunt Mary Lee was her sense of what was important by seeing the big picture. She never seemed to worry about the small things. As a child, I admired this without really knowing why. All of her wonderful personality traits were what made her so special to me and everyone that knew her. Her strength and life perspective were unique and affected more people than we realize. Always remembered and forever loved.*

Larry Cole - June 28, 2020 at 07:40 AM

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“ *Our sincere sympathy Wendy and family! From your Mom's obituary, you must have inherited her loving caretaker ways!!!*

Dianne Rubino - June 27, 2020 at 09:47 AM

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“ *I worked with Mary at Covenant Medical Center, now called Mercy One in Waterloo. Enjoyed her sense of humor. She cared about her patients and was a great nurse! A group of co-workers also called her a friend and we enjoyed many fun activities outside of work. She will be missed! Sending my deepest sympathy to her family. Take care ! Nancy Bartlett*

Nancy M Bartlett - June 25, 2020 at 09:33 PM

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“ Bill and I want to send our sympathy to Wendy and her family, Mary's sisters Kay and Bobbie and all of her family. She was a great gal and she will be missed by all who knew her. She was well like and you always knew where you stood with her. She was a good friend since the old I.C. School days. Rest in Peace now and forever. No more pain. We LOVED and will MISS you always.
Bill and Arlene Schmit Jans

Arlene Jans - June 25, 2020 at 04:02 PM