



Norma "Jane" Hirth

September 8, 1923 - November 17, 2024

Norma "Jane" (Harned) Hirth, 101, of Ackley, passed away Sunday, November 17, 2024 at Grand JiVante in Ackley, with family at her side. Funeral services will be 10:30 AM Saturday, November 23, 2024 at the St. John's United Church of Christ in Ackley. Following the service Jane will be laid to rest at the Oakwood Cemetery in Ackley. Visitation will be held from 5-7 PM on Friday, November 22 at the church. Woodley Funeral Home of Iowa Falls is caring for Jane and her family.

Norma Jane Hirth was born on September 8, 1923 to Rhoda and Ollis Harned in Cedar Falls, Iowa. She was the third of six children. Jane loved their home on Rainbow Drive. From their house, she could ride the trolley downtown, ice skate to school in winter, or go sledding in the woods of Hartman Reserve. She loved returning to the area for many Harned family reunions with her siblings.

Jane graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1941 with her lifelong friend and future sister-in-law, Marge Harned. Following high school, she sewed ammunition belts at an Army contract materials company for the war effort. Jane also worked in clerk and bookkeeping positions. Travels with friends took her to Long Beach, California, where she worked at a bank for a short time.

She met Marvin Charles Hirth of Ackley through a mutual friend. The couple

liked going to social events and area dances. They were married at Cedar Heights Presbyterian Church on September 4, 1948, and enjoyed a 64-year marriage.

Following their marriage, they farmed near Ackley and were blessed with two children – Mike and Connie. Jane helped operate the farm and supported her children's activities in 4-H, church, band, and athletics. The family attended St. John's UCC where Jane was a longtime Sunday School teacher and Sunshine Circle member.

Jane was happiest when enjoying a game or social outing with friends. She had a competitive spirit and loved her weekly bowling leagues (with many successful trips to state tournaments) and weekly golf with the Ackley Ladies' League. She was always up for a card game, coffee chat, craft, or bus trip and participated in many groups such as Ackley Women's Club, Red Hat Ladies, Friends for Fun, and others. She had great fun sharing her favorite games and sports with her grandchildren and attending their activities.

During their retirement years, Jane and Marvin liked to travel. Jane golfed when they wintered in Lakeland, Florida, and fished for walleyes during summer visits to her brother Hayes' cabin on Oak Island in Canada.

Jane loved watching all sports, and everyone who knew Jane knew she was a lifelong Hawkeye fan. Well into her 90s, she always stayed up late to watch Iowa basketball games – while knitting piles of colorful potholders to share with friends and family.

Left to cherish Jane's memory are her children, Mike Hirth (Deb Fowler) and Connie (Roger) Maifeld; four grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Marge Harned and LuAnn Harned and many nieces and nephews.

Jane is now joyfully reunited with her husband; parents; siblings: Roberta Lakin, Lynn Harned, Darlene Johnson, Hayes Harned, Jackie Laurie; brothers-in-law, Raymond Hirth, DeWayne Johnson, John Lakin, Dave Laurie; sister-in-law, Esther Hirth and daughter-in-law, Jean Hirth.

The family thanks the staff at Grand Jivante for their kindness, care and support – and for all the fun activities that Jane loved.

Memorial donations in memory of Jane can be made to St. John's UCC in Ackley or Hartman Reserve Nature Center in Cedar Falls.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

Ackley, IA 50601

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

NOV **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

VA

“ *A Good Life Lived - fond memories of your Mom, Connie and Mike - may you find peace during this time. Vicki Abbas*

Vicki J Abbas - November 27, 2024 at 06:45 AM

BG

“ *Bob, Judy and Ginny purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Norma "Jane" Hirth.*



Bob, Judy and Ginny - November 22, 2024 at 02:39 PM

SK

“ *Connie, Mike, and families: My sincere condolences to your families. Your mother was indeed a kind and very wise lady who had a great sense of humor. She always put a smile on my face at work despite how busy things were on certain days. She always thanked me for the "free water" when taking her medications and encouraged me to play piano in my spare moments so she could enjoy the church hymns. She will be missed my many and remembered by everyone who knew her! Stephanie Knipfel*

Stephanie Knipfel - November 20, 2024 at 09:17 AM

MH

“ *Extending my deepest sympathy to you Connie , Mike and families. You are in my thoughts and prayers . Marlys Hirth*

marlys Hirth - November 19, 2024 at 09:19 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norma "Jane" Hirth.



November 19, 2024 at 08:31 PM



“ Aunt Jane will be remembered for her smile and sense of humor. I have wonderful memories of visiting the farm. One time when us kids were spending the night Uncle Bud had an encounter with a skunk. Aunt Jane had him take off his clothes outside and washed off with ketchup or tomato sauce. We all thought it was so funny. One of the last times I talked with her on the phone she gave me the advice of “travel as long as you can-you’ll always have your memories.” Thanks for the memories, Aunt Jane! Thanks for the crafts you made and shared. They are treasures-just like you!❤️
Judy

Judy Brooke - November 19, 2024 at 07:10 PM



“ We all loved Aunt Jane and will treasure the memories of visits to the farm, picnics with the whole clan and great visits in FL. Sending love to you guys. ❤️ Ginny

Virginia Webber - November 19, 2024 at 05:31 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. Marlene Abbas Luiken

Marlene Luiken - November 19, 2024 at 10:56 AM