

Jan Anderson's
Stories From The Grandkids

Laura Needham: Too many memories to only pick one. Just that she was the BEST to ever do it!

Anna Brockman: Grandma always had the most special treats. I always loved going to Grandma's for Christmas and getting her Divinity, which I'm pretty sure I was the only one who ate it. Also, the Lemon Custard ice cream that seemed to only be found at Grandmas! I loved all the Tupperware of Gingersnaps she would bring to the Iowa State Fair! She also had the best crafts. I loved the Easter Egg balloon nests and Christmas sweaters. She was the greatest!

Claire Anderson: My favorite memory of Grandma was when she and Grandpa came to stay with us while our parents were on a trip for a long weekend. I was in piano lessons and was not good at practicing. I would barely scrape by each week when "performing" to the disappointment of my piano teach. Grandma had me play every single day, multiple times a day, for more times that I had practiced in my whole (short lived) piano career that week. The song was "Tarentella." She would sit next to me as we would practice the song together. When I went to my next lesson, my teacher was shocked that I could play so well after actually practicing. Grandma had an incredible work ethic & dedication to learning that I so greatly admire.

Kelsey Anderson: During a family trip to Estes Park, it started raining and everyone piled into cars. Except Grandma and I. Once they thought everyone was in, they drove off. No matter how hard we tried, we couldn't get their attention. I still remember the officers coming into Dairy Queen and asking if we were lost - I blurted out "no, we got left behind". That's how Grandma and I were left in Estes Park.

Emma Anderson: Grandma and Grandpa drove from Iowa to Illinois to hand deliver our family dog, Bo, when he was a few months old. Grandma raised Bo's brother, Cody. We have always been a hound loving family.

Kalie Anderson: My favorite story of Grandma is that one time I bit her, so she bit me back. I never bit again. It makes me giggle every time she would tell me that story.

Duncan Anderson: I will always remember playing games with Grandma. We spent a lot of time at Grandma's house and always played games. Trouble, Chickenfoot, puzzles, and anything outdoors. I always had a great time there.

Sam Anderson: I remember Grandma & Grandpa coming to watch over my sisters and I while my parents were on vacation. It was a treat because we usually only saw them once or twice a year! I was in second grade, and I had a reading assignment due, but I wanted to play with my toys instead. Let's just say Grandma was very persistent in ensuring I got the assignment done; she had me crying underneath my bed by the end of the night. The next day we were playing catch in the front yard together. I always enjoyed how active she was with us and supportive of our academics and sports. Not to mention she was a great card player. She was always looking out for us and will forever be in our hearts.

Brantly Anderson: Grandma never got mad. Except one time during Christmas. Sam and I were up late and must have been pretty loud, because Grandma came storming downstairs and yelled at us to "just be quiet already". I always kept that in mind when I was over there to never be too loud and wake up grandma.



In Loving Memory

Janice Marie Anderson



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Janice Marie (Ackerberg) Anderson was born May 26, 1936, at the farm home of David Enoch and Laura Irene (Johnson) Ackerberg. Janice entered eternal rest on February 25, 2022, at Josie Harper Hospice House in Omaha at the age of 85 years, 8 months, 30 days.

Janice grew up on the family farm near Essex, Iowa. Throughout her youth Janice and her family were active members of the Essex Covenant Church. She attended Pierce Center Country School not far from her home, graduating 8th Grade in 1950. Janice went on to attend Shenandoah High School and graduated with the Class of 1954. She was active in concert and marching band playing the French horn under the direction of Dr. Creighton.

After graduation, she attended one year of college at Tarkio College and moved on to Nebraska Methodist School of Nursing where her career passion would be fulfilled. She later graduated with her Bachelor of Science degree.

On October 6, 1957, after Edward served nearly two years in the United States Army, they were united in marriage at the First Covenant Church in Essex, Iowa. They made their home in Omaha while Janice completed nursing school and Ed worked for Safeway Stores. Following graduation from nursing college, she worked in the critical care unit at Nebraska Methodist Hospital.

While in Omaha, they were blessed with three children, Richard, Susan, and Robert. In 1963, Ed was transferred, and the family moved to Shenandoah.

Janice became employed with Hand Hospital in Shenandoah on a part time basis while the children were raised. Blessings were added to the family in 1973 when son David Emil was born. The family were active members of the United Methodist Church in Shenandoah.

Janice continued to work as a nurse in Clarinda and then returned to the Shenandoah Hospital as a surgical nurse.

Preceding her in death were her husband of 55 years, Edward; granddaughter, Andrea Needham; parents, David and Laura Ackerberg; and sisters, Gladys Howard and Verona Yates.

Janice is survived by her four children, Richard and wife Jennifer Anderson, Geneva, IL, Susan and husband Daniel Needham, Omaha, NE, Robert and wife Shani Anderson, Cheyenne, WY, and David and wife Deanna Anderson, Waukegan, IA; nine grandchildren, Laura, Anna, Claire, Emma, Sam, Kelsey, Kalie, Duncan, and Brantly; six great grandchildren, Lennox, Zoe, Jameson, Jordyn, Jack, and Norman; brother, Leland Ackerberg and wife Kathy, Essex, IA; numerous nieces and nephews; other relatives; and a host of friends.

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Celebration of Life Funeral Service

2:00 PM

Tuesday, March 1, 2022
First United Methodist Church
Shenandoah, Iowa
Pastor Kelly Peavy ~ Officiant

Music

"Moon River" "Return to Me"
"Softly and Tenderly"
"Amazing Grace" (Congregational)

Bearers

Rick Anderson Bob Anderson
David Anderson Dan Needham
Duncan Anderson Sam Anderson
Brantly Anderson

Honorary Bearers

Bob Burchett Duane Rexroth
Chuck Oxenford Larry Randolph
Steve Howard Denny Howard
Eric Ackerberg

Usher

Bob Burchett Duane Rexroth

Registry Attendants

Joan Hamilton Shelly Hamilton

Private Burial

Rose Hill Cemetery ~ Shenandoah, Iowa

Memorials

Shenandoah Medical Center American Red Cross

Food and Fellowship

Everyone is invited to refreshments in the church basement immediately following the service