



Delores "Dolly" Kooima

January 3, 1938 - May 31, 2025

Delores "Dolly" Kooima, 87, of Okoboji passed away on Saturday, May 31, 2025, at Lakes Regional Health Care in Spirit Lake.

A Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, June 9, 2025, at the First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held from 3-5 p.m. on Sunday at the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Burial will take place in the Lakeland Memory Gardens Cemetery in Spirit Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlekefuneralhome.com

Delores "Dolly" Mae (Dertien) Kooima was born January 3, 1938, in Geddes, South Dakota to Emmo and Mildred (Kubal) Dertien of Platte, South Dakota. Dolly graduated from Platte High School and soon moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota where she was a nurse to the mother of Selma Sandness, Sec. of State. She received a scholarship to Nettleton Commercial College where she earned a Corporate Secretarial Degree and a Business Accounting Degree. During her time in college, she was employed part time at Mary's Beauty Salon in Sioux Falls. After graduation she was appointed Deputy Clerk of the U.S. District Court in Sioux Falls with Judge George Mickelson presiding. Later, a new U.S. District Court was opened in Aberdeen, South Dakota with Judge Axel J. Beck Presiding. She was transferred there to be Clerk of U.S. District Court.

On September 16, 1960, Dolly married Jacob "Jack" J. Kooima in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Together, they lived in Rock Valley, Iowa where Jack was

employed by his father, Charles Kooima, owner of Kooima Machine Works. During this time, Dolly and Jack's four children were born. Jack and Dolly permanently relocated to Spirit Lake, Iowa where they owned and operated Kooima Lakes Service, Inc. During their time in Rock Valley, Jack and Dolly attended Calvin Christian Reformed Church. After their move to Spirit Lake, they became members of First Presbyterian Church.

Dolly loved the thrill of slot machines, the bright lights of Las Vegas, and the joy of a good buffet. Whether she was tending to her beloved bookkeeping or hosting one of her famous garage sales, Dolly brought colorful outfits and massive jewels to everything she did. A passionate traveler, she took full advantage of the many free gifts and trips that came with her love of gambling. From being the cutest patient in the hospital (say the nurses) to sending all her descendant's gifts from the clearance rack, she was one of a kind.

Dolly is survived by her son Kevin Kooima of West Okoboji, IA, and her daughters Debra (Ken) Davelaar of Rock Valley, IA, Jacqueline (Scott) Goetsch of Conover, NC, and Mona (Matt Norman) Sweeney of Okoboji, IA. She had 9 grandchildren, Sidney Neville, Kacey Kooima, Ryan (Erin) Davelaar, Heidi (Art) VanderWaal, Heath Goetsch, Courtney (Jason) Goldie, Connery (Ciara) Sweeney, Seattle Sweeney, and Coral (Lawton Kramer) Sweeney. She had 9 great grandchildren, Aidan, Arya, Treyton (Melinda), Cade (Lauren), Kennedy (Dylan), Luke Charles, Maya, Lydia, and Charlotte. Dolly was lucky enough to have 2 great-great grandchildren, Bennett and Vivian. She is also survived by her sister Sandy Breukelman.

Dolly was preceded in death by her husband Jack, her parents Emmo and Mildred, her brothers Gary and Ralph, and her sisters Helen and Maxine. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be directed to causes close to Dolly's heart. She had a lifelong love for animals and her passion can live on through your support to the following organizations:

- The humane Society of Northwest Iowa
- People for Pets

- Ducks Unlimited
- Pheasants Forever
- Dickinson County Nature Center

Cemetery Details

Lakeland Memory Gardens

Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Robinson Funeral Home
2317 32nd Street
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Service

JUN 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
3501 Hill Ave.
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Delores "Dolly" Kooima*



Robinson Funeral Home - June 07, 2025 at 12:48 PM

MD

Beautiful beautiful video for beautiful lady. She brought light into the world. She will be very missed rest in Dolly

Mary k. Donovan - June 09, 2025 at 09:29 AM

KS

“ *Kathleen A Shaw lit a candle in memory of Delores "Dolly" Kooima*



Kathleen A Shaw - June 26, 2025 at 07:07 PM

GC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Kevin, Mona and the family! Dolly was exceptional woman! Love Gregory Coy*

Gregory Coy - June 18, 2025 at 11:29 AM

SF

“ Sincerely, Walt and Jo and families purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Delores "Dolly" Kooima.



Sincerely, Walt and Jo and families - June 09, 2025 at 10:47 AM

LH

“ Lynn M Greimann Hassebroek lit a candle in memory of Delores "Dolly" Kooima



Lynn M Greimann Hassebroek - June 08, 2025 at 12:22 PM

BS

“ Bob And Kate Shaw lit a candle in memory of Delores "Dolly" Kooima



Bob and Kate Shaw - June 05, 2025 at 09:48 AM

BS

Fond memories of the Kooima family especially appreciated the babysitting skills of Kevin and Jackie. May her beautiful soul rest in peace.

Bob and Kate Shaw - June 05, 2025 at 09:51 AM

LS

“ *Laverna Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Delores "Dolly" Kooima*



Laverna Schmidt - June 04, 2025 at 09:10 PM

LS

To Dolly's family so very sorry for your loss. Dolly was a very special lady who has a lot of love for all who new her. She was very proud of her children and grandkids. I use to help Dolly wrapping all her Christmas presents she had a special gift for everyone in her family! Dolly will be missed by many who knew her. Rest in peace Dolly 🙏.

Laverna Schmidt - June 04, 2025 at 09:19 PM

SD

“ *So sorry for your loss! She will be missed.*



Scott Dean - June 03, 2025 at 12:21 PM

LF

“ *Love you all, Chris, Missy and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Delores "Dolly" Kooima.*



Love you all, Chris, Missy and family - June 03, 2025 at 12:04 PM

RN

“ *My deepest sympathy in the loss of your mama. I've known Dolly for years always a classy lady always a smile I will miss her at the fair. My prayers and hugs, Mona.*



Rhonda Nelson - June 03, 2025 at 10:24 AM

KF

“ *Ken Farmer lit a candle in memory of Delores "Dolly" Kooima*



Ken Farmer - June 03, 2025 at 12:06 AM

MM

“ *Mary McClurg lit a candle in memory of Delores "Dolly" Kooima*



Mary McClurg - June 02, 2025 at 06:29 PM

SP

“ *Thank you, Dolly, for being a wonderful friend. So sorry for the loss of your Mother, Mona. Dolly will be our angel now.*



Snooki Parks - June 02, 2025 at 06:05 PM

NR

“ Nancy Rees lit a candle in memory of Delores "Dolly" Kooima



Nancy Rees - June 02, 2025 at 04:37 PM

KK

“ Karen Krieger lit a candle in memory of Delores "Dolly" Kooima



Karen Krieger - June 02, 2025 at 04:13 PM

BS

“ Billie Scott lit a candle in memory of Delores "Dolly" Kooima



Billie Scott - June 02, 2025 at 04:06 PM

DK

“ David Koepp lit a candle in memory of Delores "Dolly" Kooima



David Koepp - June 02, 2025 at 03:19 PM

BT

“ *Brenda Tenney lit a candle in memory of Delores "Dolly" Kooima*



Brenda Tenney - June 02, 2025 at 01:27 PM

MD

“ *Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley sent a virtual gift in memory of Delores "Dolly" Kooima*



Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley - June 02, 2025 at 11:56 AM

MD

“ *I will miss our long talks on the phone and discussions of the movie stand of course having lunch once in a while You were a great friend to have. Rest in peace dolly you deserve it*

Mary k. Donovan - June 02, 2025 at 10:41 AM

MD

I meant movie stars not stand

Mary k. Donovan - June 02, 2025 at 10:42 AM

MJ

“ *Mary Ann Jansen lit a candle in memory of Delores "Dolly" Kooima*



Mary Ann jansen - June 02, 2025 at 10:31 AM

MC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Dolly's family. We are so glad we got to talk with her at the hospital* ❤️



Martha Carlson - June 02, 2025 at 10:30 AM

KW

“ *Kristie Wintz sent a virtual gift in memory of Delores "Dolly" Kooima*



Kristie Wintz - June 02, 2025 at 09:51 AM