



## Jean Louise Boekhout

June 25, 1949 - June 15, 2025

Jean Louise Boekhout, 75, of Spirit Lake passed away on June 15, 2025, in her home in Spirit Lake. She was called to the Lord with her husband Wally by her side. They shared 54 years of marriage.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 12, 2025, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held two hours prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Burial will be held at a later date in the St. Margaret's Cemetery in Spirit Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at [www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com](http://www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com)

Jean was born on June 25th, 1949, to Frederick and Viola (Johannes) Trei in Sibley, IA. She started secretarial career in 1970, as the first secretary at the college in Sheldon, NWICC. She conquered her goal becoming the secretary at Spirit Lake High School for 39 years which she enjoyed being a proud "Indian" and supported the school any way she could.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and a devoted Catholic. In her spare time, Jean enjoyed every school event watching her children and grandchildren, feeding birds and spending time with the love of her life, kids and grandkids.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband Wally Boekhout of Spirit Lake; son Kory Boekhout Spirit Lake; daughter Cheri (Shawn) Peterson of Spirit Lake; son Gary (Erin) Boekhout of Ames, IA; other daughter Sheena Rolston; four grandkids, Ashley Peterson, Keagan Boekhout, Kayden Boekhout, Kayla Peterson; brother-in-law Merlyn Johnson, siblings, Janet (Gene) Steinke, Gary (Karen) Trei, and Doyle (Jan) Trei; and many extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Frederick and Viola Trei, parents in law George and Angie Boekhout and her sisters Joanne Bender and Judy Johnson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Jean's name and sent to the family.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Margaret's Cemetery

Spirit Lake, IA 51360

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
1005 Hill Ave.  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360  
<http://www.stmarysspiritlake.org>

## Mass of Christian Burial

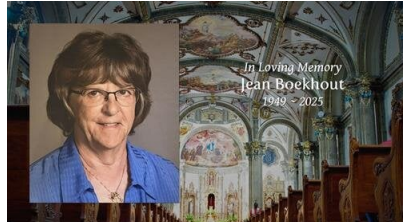
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout*



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**Robinson Funeral Home** - June 25, 2025 at 12:53 PM

BM

*This is a great video of Jean and her family. It brings back thoughts of when you kids were little and begged me to make kool-aid for you. You were great little people with wonderful parents*

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**Barbara Miller McBreen** - June 28, 2025 at 12:09 AM

AK

*Beautiful video of memories of a beautiful lady*

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**Arlene Krogman** - July 11, 2025 at 08:37 AM

LF

“ *Kory, Cheri, and family. So sorry to hear about Jean's passing. Hugs to you all.*  
*Leslie Harris*



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**Leslie Felton** - July 10, 2025 at 02:01 PM

BM

“ Wally, Kory, Cheri and Gary, I'm so sorry to hear of Jean's passing. May your memories give you comfort. I share happy memories with many others.  
May she Rest in Peace.



Barbara Miller McBreen - June 27, 2025 at 08:02 PM

AN

“ Angela lit a candle in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout



Angela - June 27, 2025 at 10:00 AM

BE

“ Bob And Mary Emgarten lit a candle in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout



Bob and Mary Emgarten - June 22, 2025 at 12:56 PM

TL

“ Teri & Bill Lehner lit a candle in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout



Teri & Bill Lehner - June 22, 2025 at 12:34 PM

SS

“ Jean was a neat lady and priceless friend. she ran high school office so efficiently and kept us in line(students and teachers alike). we all loved her dearly and she leaves us with so many wonderful memories.

*Stan and Rhea Sybesma*

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**Stan Sybesma** - June 21, 2025 at 02:29 PM

AH

“ Adam Hietbrink lit a candle in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout



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**Adam Hietbrink** - June 20, 2025 at 06:28 PM

SC

“ So sorry Wally and family. I will miss Jean a lot. She had a protective shell around her but she had a heart of gold. My memories of her at the high school will remain with me forever. BTW, she made the best stuffed mushrooms!! May Gods bless her soul.

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**Sharon Crowley** - June 20, 2025 at 11:29 AM

BT

“ Bruce Thompson lit a candle in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout



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**Bruce Thompson** - June 19, 2025 at 11:19 PM

MH

“ I am so very, very sorry to hear this. Have known Jean family for most of my life have so many memories. She helped teach me how to drive. My mom baby sat her children as did I. Wally and family, sending lots of a love you're our way. I pray for comfort in the upcoming days

Mendy Herke - June 18, 2025 at 11:22 PM

JT

“ She was one of my favorite people ever. Tough but fair.

J. Trei - June 18, 2025 at 08:11 PM

MW

“ I worked with Jean for 10 years at the high school. She was so professional and dedicated to her work and the students. She certainly made my job and everyone else's easier. She had a knack of anticipating what everyone needed. When I moved on I missed so much about the high school but nothing more than working with the drive and professionalism of Jean. I even missed her love for Elvis! My condolences to family and friends of Jean. Our world is a little darker with her being gone.

Mark Wittmer

Mark Wittmer - June 17, 2025 at 07:34 PM

CC

“ Wally and Family, We So sorry for your loss of a one of a kind person. She was always there if you needed her and a wonderful friend to us! Best School Secretary ever! May she Rest In Peace! She will be missed!

Craig and Carla - June 17, 2025 at 06:59 PM

MF

“ *Best school secretary ever! All of us mouthy kids talked big until we got to Jean's office, LOL! Condolences to the family. She will be missed.*

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**Matt Fernelius** - June 17, 2025 at 03:17 PM

RE

“ *Rhonda Edwards lit a candle in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout*



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**Rhonda Edwards** - June 17, 2025 at 02:00 PM

BS

“ *Beverly Sill lit a candle in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout*



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**Beverly Sill** - June 17, 2025 at 12:32 PM

JC

“ *Jeff & Linda Christoffer sent a virtual gift in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout*



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**Jeff & Linda Christoffer** - June 17, 2025 at 10:50 AM

KK

“ *Ken And Kathi Kabele lit a candle in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout*



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**Ken and Kathi Kabele** - June 17, 2025 at 08:30 AM

CW

“ *So sorry for your loss. Cathy and Denny Worden*



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**Cathy Worden** - June 17, 2025 at 07:42 AM

MS

“ *Jean was a caring ally and a tough critic in the high school office, but she made a lot of students better. As we approach our 50th reunion ('75) in a few weeks, I know it will include the sharing of fond memories of Jean. She made a difference in a lot of lives. Condolences to the Boekhout family.*

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**Marsha (Olson) Smeltzer** - June 17, 2025 at 07:40 AM

DG

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss . She was an amazing person and you always knew where you stood with her.*

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**Deb Godfredsen** - June 16, 2025 at 10:39 PM

CJ

“ Wally and family, I'm so sorry for your loss.  
You're in my thoughts during this difficult time.



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**Cathy Johnson** - June 16, 2025 at 07:27 PM

JC

“ We were so very sorry to hear of Jean's passing! We knew she was “ready “, but it still is hard to say goodbye! So many memories of Jean come to mind, and our kids have shared with us their great memories of Jean over the years! She is now resting in her Savior's arms! Feast in Peace, Jean! 🙏🕊️



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**Jim & Mary Christianson** - June 16, 2025 at 07:04 PM

SC

“ Oh my gosh was I saddened to hear of Jean's passing this morning! I will, however, remain grateful for the gift of being able to visit with her and Wally a couple weeks ago. Sitting at your kitchen table wasn't quite like hanging out in her office all those times in H.S., but we shared some laughs and it sure brought back a lot of good memories! Even with the passing of so much time, some things just don't change. For the entire Boekhout family, I'm so very sorry for your loss!

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**Steve Christianson** - June 16, 2025 at 05:39 PM

KB

“ Jean loved her job and the people around her and wanted the best for us all. Sometimes she just needed to give us a nudge. Her cheerful voice at 6:30 a.m. asking me to substitute would get me moving. Awesome memories.

Ksthy Batman - June 16, 2025 at 04:51 PM

LH

“ Lorinda Humphrey lit a candle in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout



Lorinda Humphrey - June 16, 2025 at 02:54 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear this. My thoughts and prayers are with the whole family. So sorry for your loss.

Roxanne Christoffer - June 16, 2025 at 02:19 PM

KJ

“ Karlene&KorySelkenJamie&Keri Jostand purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Jean Louise Boekhout.



Karlene&KorySelkenJamie&Keri Jostand - June 16, 2025 at 12:19 PM

JS

“ Jeff And Ruth VanDer Sluis lit a candle in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout



Jeff and Ruth VanDer Sluis - June 16, 2025 at 12:15 PM

DL

“ Wally and family, so sorry to hear of Jean's passing!



Dan Lempiainen - June 16, 2025 at 09:59 AM

CB

“ Our coffee group has lost a past coworker and wonderful friend. We solved lots of world problems and laughs over our weekly cups of coffee.

Carmen Bernholtz - June 16, 2025 at 09:55 AM

PR

“ Jean was the glue that held the high school office together. She has been gone from the office for years but her memory still sits in that office. NO ONE can replace her.. nay she rest in peace. So sorry to her family!



Peggy Rick - June 16, 2025 at 09:40 AM

DC

“ *Derek & Erin Chappas lit a candle in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout*



Derek & Erin Chappas - June 16, 2025 at 09:11 AM

GC

“ *Gary And Martha Carlson lit a candle in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout*



Gary and Martha Carlson - June 16, 2025 at 08:52 AM

MV

“ *Wally,  
I am so sorry to hear of Jean's passing. She was certainly a nice person. May she rest in peace.* 🧡🕊️



Mary L Vermeer - June 16, 2025 at 08:44 AM

TG

“ *Twyla Garnmeister lit a candle in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout*



Twyla Garnmeister - June 16, 2025 at 08:12 AM

TG

*Wally, I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you & your family.*

Twyla Garnmeister - June 16, 2025 at 08:13 AM

TH

“ *So sorry to hear about Jean. She was one spunky lady!! You always knew where you stood with her!! She will be missed. Our deepest sympathies to the whole family. Terry and Mary.*

Terry and Mary Heidebrink - June 16, 2025 at 07:59 AM

BB

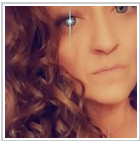
“ *So sorry for your loss, Wally. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family* ❤️

Barbara Bodenhamer - June 16, 2025 at 07:58 AM

ME

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Boekhout family.*

Moldy & Nancy Ellis - June 16, 2025 at 06:42 AM



“ *My condolences to Wally and the rest of her family.*



Monica Lea - June 16, 2025 at 01:03 AM

KF

“ Ken Farmer lit a candle in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout



Ken Farmer - June 15, 2025 at 11:01 PM

RM

“ Randy Masad lit a candle in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout



Randy Masad - June 15, 2025 at 11:00 PM

RL

“ Rod And Connie Lange lit a candle in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout



Rod and Connie Lange - June 15, 2025 at 09:25 PM

MP

“ Mavis Palmer lit a candle in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout



mavis palmer - June 15, 2025 at 09:20 PM

LI

“ Jean was a wonderful and fun loving person. Rest in peace.  
Linda/Dale

**linda** - June 15, 2025 at 08:23 PM

SC

“ The high school students might have nicknamed her mean Jean, but we all knew underneath she liked her job and liked all of us. You certainly couldn't get anything past her. She was perfect for the job!



**Shelly Caskey** - June 15, 2025 at 08:23 PM

DB

“ I'm so sorry to hear this. Jean was a great gal.  
My sympathy to your family.



**Dayle Broocks** - June 15, 2025 at 08:16 PM

CA

“ Colleen Anderson lit a candle in memory of  
Jean Louise Boekhout



**Colleen Anderson** - June 15, 2025 at 06:32 PM

JH

“ Jean was truly a remarkable lady and we always appreciated her in the office... what a gem... 🙏  
God bless,  
Jane and Dan Hummel



Jane Hummel - June 15, 2025 at 06:20 PM

DB

“ I was a teacher at Spirit Lake from 1975 to 1999 so I worked with Jeanne for all that time. She controlled the office and would do anything for you. Jeanne was fun to tease but you better be ready to get it back. We will miss you Jeanne. Darwin Bears

Darwin Bears - June 15, 2025 at 05:00 PM

JB

“ Jaime Berning lit a candle in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout



Jaime Berning - June 15, 2025 at 02:55 PM

DB

“ Deb Bockman lit a candle in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout



Deb Bockman - June 15, 2025 at 02:18 PM

FF

“ Fred Kaminska Karrie Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout



Fred Kaminska Karrie Ferguson - June 15, 2025 at 02:09 PM

SD

“ Wally and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Jean was a gem. She will be missed by so many. Hugs and prayers to you and your family.

Sally DeLoss - June 15, 2025 at 01:57 PM

MF

“ Mike Wallace Family lit a candle in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout



Mike Wallace Family - June 15, 2025 at 01:41 PM

JK

“ Cheri, Sorry to hear this. Hugs and prayers to all of you



Joann Kastrup - June 15, 2025 at 01:32 PM

LV

“ *Linda Voss lit a candle in memory of Jean Louise Boekhout*



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**Linda Voss** - June 15, 2025 at 12:58 PM