



## Joan Schneider

October 19, 1935 - July 23, 2024

Joan Cramer Schneider, 88 years old, passed away July 23rd in Jacksonville, Oregon.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 27, 2025, at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Spirit Lake, IA. 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)

Joan Patricia Cramer was born on Oct 19, 1935. She was raised in San Diego, California and graduated from USC in 1957 as a dental hygienist. She practiced Dental Hygiene in San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco before marrying Bob Schneider in 1963. They started their family immediately and had two children, Stac and Robbie who kept her busy.

They lived in Sheldon and Council Bluffs running small businesses before landing permanently in Okoboji, Iowa in 1974. They owned and operated Okoboji Boats Marina for 13 years and treasured the lakes region in all its seasons.

Joan served as Co-Chair of Dickinson County Trails Association in addition to the original planning committee which launched the "spine trail" connecting Milford to Spirit Lake. She loved to bike and was instrumental in building a safe bike trail system so kids and adults could safely enjoy the lakes area. Those trails have now grown to 60+ miles of paved trails.

Joan served on several Boards in the lakes area including the Dickinson County Conservation Board (President in 1993), the University of Okoboji

Foundation and for Bank Midwest. Joan also enjoyed serving under Governor Brandstad on the IA DNR Board for a 6 yr term.

Joan was blessed with many amazing friendships that she cherished including cycling (which always included lunch), KKG sisters, riding RAGBRAI w Bob, gardening and needlepointing.

Joan and Bob were members at St Albans Episcopal Church where she had dear friends and taught Sunday school. Joan assisted with organizing the Dickinson County Community Alliance Project and was awarded the “Lady of the Year” Beta Sigma Phi of Dickinson County in 1992. She was also honored as an “Environmental Woman of Action” representing Iowa in 1993. Joan and Bob loved to travel! Mexico for the winter, road trips in the fall to see the leaves change, train trips through Russia, San Diego and cycling all over the world.

Joan is survived by her children Stac, Robbie and 4 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bob, her sister Jean and her parents.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be directed to: [www.dickinsoncountytrails.com/donate](http://www.dickinsoncountytrails.com/donate) or have them mailed to: Dickinson County Trails PO Box 304 Okoboji, IA 51355

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Alban's Episcopal Columbarium  
2011 23rd St  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan Schneider*



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**Robinson Funeral Home** - June 11, 2025 at 04:46 PM

TG

“ *Twyla Garnmeister lit a candle in memory of Joan Schneider*



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**Twyla Garnmeister** - June 26, 2025 at 06:27 PM

MJ

“ *Mary Ann Jansen lit a candle in memory of Joan Schneider*



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**Mary Ann Jansen** - June 22, 2025 at 11:58 AM

JM

“ So sorry to hear about your mom's passing! I so enjoyed time with her as I helped your dad! She was a fun, good hearted lady - very enjoyable!!!  
*Jeanette Meyer*

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**Jeanette Meyer** - September 08, 2024 at 05:54 PM



“ *Kathleen Shaw lit a candle in memory of Joan Schneider*



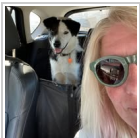
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**Kathleen Shaw** - August 26, 2024 at 11:59 PM

KW

“ *Joanie was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. Condolences.*



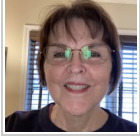
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**Kristie Wintz** - August 18, 2024 at 12:32 AM



“ *Joanie was a great lady. Condolences to the family. :(*



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**Lissa Potter** - August 17, 2024 at 03:18 PM



“ *Condolences to Joanie’s family. She was such a compassionate person. May God bless her and receive her into his loving care.* ”

**Kathleen Carlson** - August 17, 2024 at 09:15 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss, She will be missed.* ”



**Connie Gossman** - August 16, 2024 at 06:59 PM



“ *Janine J Gapinski lit a candle in memory of Joan Schneider* ”



**Janine J Gapinski** - August 16, 2024 at 06:57 PM



“ *Your Mom was always so kind to me. RIP Joanie. ❤️* ”



**Fran Jungjohan** - August 16, 2024 at 02:51 PM



“ *Sheryl McKeivitt lit a candle in memory of Joan Schneider*



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**Sheryl McKeivitt** - August 16, 2024 at 02:02 PM



“ *Your Mom was a sweetheart. Jerry and I thought so much of her. We were blessed to have her in our life.*

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**Sally Haas Martens** - August 16, 2024 at 11:54 AM



“ *A lifetime of memories. Rest in peace Joanie.*

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**Ann Devall** - August 16, 2024 at 10:13 AM



“ *Mary Vander Woude lit a candle in memory of Joan Schneider*



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**Mary Vander Woude** - August 16, 2024 at 10:06 AM



“ *Robbie & Stac...Joanie will forever hold a special place in my heart. I feel blessed to have shared life with her...and amazing person.*

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**Karen Ridenour Stoller** - August 16, 2024 at 09:32 AM

SD

“ Will always remember Joannie on bike rides. Had so many. She was so fun. What a sweet lady. Hugs to her family.

Sally DeLoss - August 16, 2024 at 08:43 AM

RN

“ I am sorry to read this. I so enjoyed my conversations with Joanie over the years... May you rest in peace. You will be missed.



Rhonda Nelson - August 15, 2024 at 08:51 PM

FF

“ Fred Kaminska Karrie Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Joan Schneider



Fred Kaminska Karrie Ferguson - August 15, 2024 at 01:16 PM

DB

“ Every time I ride on a bike trail I think of Joanie Schneider. R.I.P. kind lady.

Donna Buell - August 15, 2024 at 01:01 PM

MD

“ I always enjoyed talking with your mom whenever our paths would cross. The last time was a few years ago when your dad was still living and he was getting his toenails clipped at the nail salon in Arnolds Park. Your mom was a trailblazer, literally. Treasure your memories and you have my sincere sympathy for your loss of your mom.



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**Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley** - August 15, 2024 at 12:29 PM