



## Joan Shanafelt

May 29, 1934 - February 10, 2023

Margaret Joan Shanafelt, 88, of Spirit Lake, formerly of Sioux City, passed away on Friday, February 10, 2023, at Accura Healthcare of Spirit Lake. A private family burial will be held in the Memorial Park Cemetery in Sioux City. 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)

Margaret Joan Shanafelt was born on May 29, 1934, in Akron, OH to Herbert and Margaret (Lasher) Olson. She graduated from Ellet High School in Akron and later earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Miami University in Oxford, OH. She was united in marriage to John Shanafelt on August 5, 1956, in Akron, OH.

She loved spending time with her family. She also enjoyed workouts and coffee with her friends, china painting, reading, playing bridge, and cooking. Left to cherish her memory is her husband John Shanafelt of Spirit Lake, formerly of Sioux City; children John (Julie) Shanafelt of Montgomery, TX; Leigh MacMillian of Toronto, Canada; Charles (Julie) Shanafelt of Dakota Dunes, SD; and daughter-in-law Diane Shanafelt of Sioux City; 10 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, granddaughter Leah, 2 brothers and 4 sisters including her twin sister Jean.

Special thanks goes to all the staff at the Lakes Regional Health Care and Hospice, and Accura Healthcare of Spirit Lake. In lieu of flowers, donations

and memorial gifts can be made to Lakes Regional Hospice, Spirit Lake, IA.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

6605 Morningside Ave.  
Sioux City, IA 51106

# Tribute Wall

LL

“ I was so sorry to hear of Aunt Joans passing. She was always so sweet and kind to me. I am thinking of the entire family and sending you all love and healing prayers.  
Laura Lysen

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**Laura Lysen** - February 24, 2023 at 07:03 PM

RB

“ I will miss my Aunt Joan very much. I am very saddened to hear of her passing and I wish to express my condolences to the family.

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**Robert Blankenship** - February 16, 2023 at 09:19 AM

KS

“ You were our Mom's twin, and my friend Aunt Joan. You were a shoulder offered if one needed cried on, an ear to hear anyone who needed to vent, and best of all, would gab all day about the coolest stuff like a true Olson lady! I speak for my whole family that we will miss you lady. I'll always miss gabbing with you!

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**Karey Smith** - February 13, 2023 at 11:40 PM

MC

“ I am so sorry for your loss, John and family! I didn't know Joan, but I met her a number of years ago! She was a lovely person! I extend my condolences to you all! 🙏🙏

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**Mary Christianson** - February 13, 2023 at 08:23 PM

AS

“ I met Joan when I lived in Sioux City when I worked for the Chamber of Commerce, and chatted with her when I would see her in Spirit Lake. She was a lovely gal. Sympathy to John and the family. Anita Shutt

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**Anita J. Shutt** - February 13, 2023 at 11:19 AM

SC

“ Oh Leigh, our hearts ache for your loss. We know how much she meant to you, Brett & Pam. Sue and Jamie.

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**Susan Cutler** - February 13, 2023 at 11:03 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Shanafelt.



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February 13, 2023 at 08:57 AM

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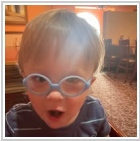
“ Ms. Joan was always a delight! Kindness personified. A wonderful mother, spouse, grandmother, friend and mentor to many. Her spirit shines on through her beloved grandchildren.

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**Connie Little** - February 11, 2023 at 11:16 AM

DO

“ You have touched so many hearts ❤️ your smile the laughter it was contagious. One of my favorite memories was in grade school, coming over for dinner and you made Broccoli and Rice Casserole.....oh I was not excited at all, you made me try it.....I loved it 😊 I loved the way you loved my family. You will be sadly missed.

Donna - February 11, 2023 at 09:58 AM



“ Joan you touched my heart in the very short time I got to know you. Your beautiful smile made my night every time I entered your room. I promised you from the first night I started taking care of you that I was not going to leave you and my goal was help you have as little pain and difficulties as possible. Joan as painful as it was to be with you in your final moments here on Earth I rejoice in knowing you are pain free in Heaven. Sending prayers to your family.

Catie Ladwig Vos - February 11, 2023 at 07:04 AM

AV

“ Love having you as a resident, Joan. You will be missed, sweet pea ❤️

Ava - February 11, 2023 at 12:46 AM

WG

*williamgoff iwill miss her she was mybest aunt*

William D Goff - February 15, 2023 at 12:07 PM