



Joyce Sullivan

September 30, 1929 - November 15, 2019

Joyce Sullivan, 90, of West Okoboji passed away on Friday, November 15, 2019 at her home surrounded by her family. Funeral services for Joyce will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, November 21, 2019 at Calvary United Methodist Church in Arnolds Park. Burial will be at 2:00 p.m. in the Oakland Cemetery in Peterson, IA on Thursday. A visitation will be held on Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake.

Joyce Maxine Jones, the daughter of Ellen Elvina Olvina Emmanuelson and Martin Luther Jones, was born on Sep 30, 1929 in Linn Grove Iowa. Joyce spent her whole life in Northwest Iowa graduating from high school as valedictorian from Peterson High School. On June 1, 1947 Joyce married Donald Sullivan, the man of her dreams. They quickly started a family and Joyce became a very busy housewife.

She enjoyed cooking, baking, and made many of the children's clothes They moved from Peterson to Spencer for a while until 1960 when Don spotted a lot for sale in West Okoboji near the lake. That property became home for the rest of her life. As the kids went off to school, Joyce decided to go to work. In January 1961 Joyce started in the braiding department at Berkley and Company, eventually working her way to the front office sales department becoming executive secretary to three salespeople. She loved the challenges

and became a very dedicated employee until she retired 35 years later.

Joyce and Don enjoyed traveling in their camper all over the mid-west, Arizona, Texas and Florida. Joyce was also very socially involved with the VFW Women's Auxiliary, Methodist Church Women's Group, Professional Secretary Association, Okoboji Women's Club and various other community organizations. She had a love for music and was drawn to Rock the Roof at the Park.

Joyce has been referred to as the family matriarch, lovingly and graciously being a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. If you can't be there for Christmas or the 4th of July picnic - you better have a good excuse! As quiet and calm as she appeared, she was a very strong woman. Joyce was so proud of her 14 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren!! And they all loved her to pieces!!

Left to cherish Joyce's memory are her 5 children, Sheila and Dale Gernhart of Sioux City, Vicky Hassel of Okoboji, Steve Sullivan of Milford, Tom and Toni Sullivan of Ft Dodge and Bob and Jackie Sullivan of Milford. Joyce was preceded in death by Donald Sullivan, her husband, Margaret and Jack Mueller, sister and brother-in-law, Marvin and June Jones, brother and sister in law, Loren and Betty Sullivan, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, 1 great grandchild, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Joyce will be deeply missed by all of us!

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

Peterson, IA

Previous Events

Service

NOV 21. 11:00 AM - 11:40 AM (CT)

Calvary United Methodist Church
679 W. Okoboji Rd.
Arnolds Park, IA 51331

Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joyce Sullivan.* ”



November 20, 2019 at 09:50 AM



“ *Gary Kastrup lit a candle in memory of Joyce Sullivan* ”



Gary Kastrup - November 20, 2019 at 12:23 AM



“ *Joyce was so many things to so many. She took care of cabin flowers for many years so they were beautiful when we arrived. She always had an Okobojian waiting for us and always the cookies. She will be missed on the deck at cocktail hour!* ”



debbie heerdt - November 19, 2019 at 10:16 PM

DR

“ *Doug And Barb Ricke lit a candle in memory of Joyce Sullivan*



Doug and Barb Ricke - November 19, 2019 at 02:55 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joyce Sullivan.*



November 19, 2019 at 12:47 PM

PA

“ *Peggy Adams lit a candle in memory of Joyce Sullivan*



Peggy Adams - November 18, 2019 at 10:18 PM

KK

“ *So sorry for your loss.*



Kent & Jo Kastrup - November 18, 2019 at 06:38 PM

MM

“ *Mari And Bob Mulhern lit a candle in memory of Joyce Sullivan*



Mari and Bob Mulhern - November 18, 2019 at 03:17 PM

JS

“ *Sullivan family,
Sorry for your loss. Joyce was a very sweet lady.*



JoAnn & Leon Stoermer - November 18, 2019 at 10:11 AM

DW

“ *Whether it was as she entered Rock the Roof for the evening or at church on Sunday, Joyce always had a big smile on her face. She really enjoyed life. I will miss her and her beautiful smile. Rest in peace dear friend!
Doris Welle*

Doris Welle - November 18, 2019 at 09:30 AM

BV

“ *My condolences to the Sullivan family. I always enjoyed stopping and talking to Joyce on my way to the dock, she was such a sweet lady. Many memories also of giving Don a ride around the campground on my golf cart. We will be thinking of you in this time of loss. Brad De Vos*

Brad De Vos - November 18, 2019 at 08:41 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Joyce Sullivan.*



November 18, 2019 at 07:52 AM



“ *Rick D Collins lit a candle in memory of Joyce Sullivan*



Rick D Collins - November 18, 2019 at 07:26 AM



“ *Roxane Slifer sent a virtual gift in memory of Joyce Sullivan*



Roxane Slifer - November 18, 2019 at 01:40 AM



“ *Dee Iseminger lit a candle in memory of Joyce Sullivan*



Dee Iseminger - November 17, 2019 at 10:53 PM

SL

“ *My condolences to the Sullivan family. Joyce was like a second mom to me in our growing up years. Always treated me like part of the family, with all the sleepovers and great meals. I remember her waking up in the dark to take Tom and I to duck hunting areas! I will always remember her kindness and her smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*



Steve Lindsey - November 17, 2019 at 08:55 PM

CP

“ *Cyndy Powers lit a candle in memory of Joyce Sullivan*



Cyndy Powers - November 17, 2019 at 06:49 PM

DH

“ *Sorry to hear about Joyce. Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers.*



Diane Haedt - November 17, 2019 at 04:59 PM

JS

“ *Julie Scheib lit a candle in memory of Joyce Sullivan*



Julie Scheib - November 17, 2019 at 04:49 PM

JS

Joyce and I worked together at Berkeley and Company in the mid-70's and Don and I worked together at McQuay Perfex in the early 70's. My sincere condolences to the Sullivan family.

Julie Scheib - November 17, 2019 at 04:52 PM

RB

“*Rosemary Booth lit a candle in memory of Joyce Sullivan*



Rosemary Booth - November 17, 2019 at 04:26 PM

JH

“*My great granddaughters, Madi & Bryce helped deliver meals on wheels to Joyce on the 1st of November. Also Lenny helped me on the 4th.
I knew how to find her house because I got to be in on some of her 4th of July celebrations.
Since our sons married sisters I got to know what a special mother & grandmother she was!*

JoAnn Heerdt - November 17, 2019 at 02:46 PM

JK

“*Joyce was my friend at Calvary United Methodist and also Calvary Book Club. She was so wise, and her sincere smile was ever present. I would tell her she was a "fashion plate," her outfits colorful and stylish from head to toe. Joyce had spunk, and she had heart. We will all miss her.*

Jane Kauzlarich - November 17, 2019 at 01:44 PM

PH

“ Sharing our prayers to Joyce’s family. They were great friends of the Heidebrink’s. So many memories of Don & Joyce - VFW, camping, football. Cheering the Hawks from heaven. God bless.

Paul & Deb Heidebrink - November 17, 2019 at 12:12 PM

NR

“ Nancy Rees lit a candle in memory of Joyce Sullivan



Nancy Rees - November 17, 2019 at 10:33 AM

JS

“ Jeff And Andrea Schwarck lit a candle in memory of Joyce Sullivan



Jeff and Andrea Schwarck - November 17, 2019 at 10:13 AM

NR

“ Nancy Rickman lit a candle in memory of Joyce Sullivan



Nancy Rickman - November 17, 2019 at 09:01 AM

PE

“ Pam Edmunds lit a candle in memory of Joyce Sullivan



Pam Edmunds - November 17, 2019 at 07:53 AM

MU

“ Marlys Unrau lit a candle in memory of Joyce Sullivan



Marlys Unrau - November 17, 2019 at 07:52 AM

EM

“ Edward Morse lit a candle in memory of Joyce Sullivan



Edward Morse - November 17, 2019 at 06:38 AM

SH

“ What a wonderful lady and friend


Sally haas - November 16, 2019 at 11:47 PM

MT

“ *Marcia Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Joyce Sullivan*



Marcia Taylor - November 16, 2019 at 09:34 PM

 Penny Baschke

“ *I remember Joyce as far back in my childhood she always had a great smile and warm heart. Rest in peace my friend.*
Penn6 Baschke



Penny Baschke - November 16, 2019 at 09:29 PM

BS

“ *Bev Sill lit a candle in memory of Joyce Sullivan*



Bev Sill - November 16, 2019 at 09:05 PM

LG

“ I first met Joyce in 1967 when I secured my first job out of college at Berkley & Co.
She was one of the very valuable employees in the Sales Dept. I learned a lot from her because she was always so generous with her advice and knowledge.
Years later my wife Linda and I would see her at the Thurs. night Rock the Roof and had several wonderful visits with her. We would reminisce about the good times spent back at Berkley and share war stories about Don Newbiggin. Many fond memories about such a wonderful lady.

Loren Gustafson

Loren Gustafson - November 16, 2019 at 08:57 PM

CT

“ So sorry to hear. We worked together for many years at Berkley. Joyce was always friendly and kind. Sending our Sympathy



Chuck and Donna Tielbur - November 16, 2019 at 08:38 PM

RN

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Sullivan families. She was a great lady.



Rhonda And David Nelson - November 16, 2019 at 07:57 PM

MD

“ Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley lit a candle in memory of Joyce Sullivan



Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley - November 16, 2019 at 07:27 PM

DF

“ Dennis And Diane Fisher lit a candle in memory of Joyce Sullivan



Dennis and Diane Fisher - November 16, 2019 at 07:14 PM

DB

“ Deb Bockman lit a candle in memory of Joyce Sullivan



Deb Bockman - November 16, 2019 at 07:06 PM

VM

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Sullivan family.



Vicki Vos Milverstedt - November 16, 2019 at 06:49 PM

MT

“ *Marlin & Tracy Theye lit a candle in memory of Joyce Sullivan*



Marlin & Tracy Theye - November 16, 2019 at 06:08 PM

LS

“ *LeAnn Sander lit a candle in memory of Joyce Sullivan*



LeAnn Sander - November 16, 2019 at 05:49 PM

MH

“ *TJ and I were sorry to hear of Joyce's passing. TJ worked with both her and Don at Berkleys*

Maxine Huntsinger - November 16, 2019 at 05:18 PM

TH

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the Sullivan family. She was a grand lady.*
Terry and Mary

Terry and Mary Heidebrink - November 16, 2019 at 05:08 PM

Mary
Vander
Woude

“ *Mary Vander Woude lit a candle in memory of Joyce Sullivan*



Mary Vander Woude - November 16, 2019 at 05:08 PM

MC

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Joyce’s passing! I enjoyed getting to know her and to “coffee” with her at Berkley (Pure Fishing)! Our condolences to her very special family! 🙏❤️😭*
Mary and Jim Christianson

Mary Christianson - November 16, 2019 at 01:54 PM

JP

“ *Sorry to hear about Joyce. I worked with Joyce at Berkley for many years, she was an excellent co-worker, lots of good memories!*
Judy Peddycoart



Judy Peddycoart - November 16, 2019 at 01:33 PM

MM

“ *Mick And Sue Munsen sent a virtual gift in memory of Joyce Sullivan*



Mick and Sue Munsen - November 16, 2019 at 12:41 PM

MM

We are so sorry to hear about Joyce. Joyce was a wonderful and kind woman and she will be missed.

Mick and Sue Munsen - November 16, 2019 at 12:45 PM

BG

“ *My condolences to Joyce’s family.*



Bruce Gottsche - November 16, 2019 at 12:26 PM

KB

“ *Kris Berning lit a candle in memory of Joyce Sullivan*



Kris Berning - November 16, 2019 at 12:25 PM

SV

“ *So sorry to hear about Joyce passing. I had the pleasure of working with her at Berkeley from 1976-1986. She was a super nice lady and always had a smile for me. RIP Joyce.*

Steve Vogts - November 16, 2019 at 12:20 PM

FJ

“ So sorry. Joyce was a lovely lady, coworker and friend. Hugs



Fran Jungjohan - November 16, 2019 at 11:15 AM