



LaVonne Peterson

January 7, 1932 - August 24, 2024

LaVonne Peterson, 92, of Spencer passed away on Saturday, August 24, 2024, at the St. Luke Lutheran Home in Spencer.

A prayer service will be held on Friday, August 30, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Luke Lutheran Home Chapel in Spencer, IA. A visitation will follow at the chapel till 7:00 p.m. A private family burial will be held in the Riverside Cemetery in Spencer, IA. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlekefuneralhome.com

An old proverb states that when an elder dies, a library is burned: vast sums of wisdom and knowledge are lost. We believe that to be true with the death of LaVonne.

She was born during the depression, daughter of parents who lived through the Spanish Flu Epidemic and great-granddaughter of an Illinois Calvary Soldier who fought for the Union during the Civil War. She sat with her parents, glued to the radio, listening to President Roosevelt give his Day of Infamy Speech in 1941. She helped maintain a victory garden, while her parents went to work at the Pullman Railroad to help build airplanes for the war effort. Her summers were spent in Michigan in a cabin on a small lake where she and her mom stayed during the week and her dad came up on the weekends. In 1947 she and her father watched Jackie Robinson play ball in

Wrigley Field, and of course celebrated her beloved Cubs winning the World Series in 2016. She married in 1950 and discovered her mother-in-law attended school with the famed FBI agent Elliot Ness. Dad was soon drafted by the Marine's and was shipped off to Korea and life together was put on hold. She went to work at Wilson Foods for Thomas E Wilson, while dad was overseas. When dad returned home, she became a stay-at-home mom for her three daughters, Cindy, Linda and Carla.

Mom loved to travel and had visited all 50 states and several foreign countries including Russia. She was an avid duplicate bridge player and had earned her life master award. She played tournaments all over the United States against the likes of Aaron Spelling, Bill Gates and Warren Buffett. She loved to play golf and was on the board for the Spencer Municipal Golf Course for almost 30 years. She was an active member of the 1st Congregational Church in Spencer. She and dad were youth leaders for several years and organized a youth trip to the east coast. She was also on many boards and committees. She lived vicariously through her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She never missed an opportunity to attend or support an activity they were involved with. She was proud of having two grandsons serving in the military, both domestically and abroad.

She was an abstractor by trade and worked well into her 90's doing work she loved. She loved history and took New Age College Courses in her 90's. Sometimes her "quit talking" filter didn't work very well, but never met a stranger and made life-long friends wherever she went.

LaVonne Irene was born in Chicago, January 7, 1932, the only child of Clifton and Irene (King) Roberts. She graduated from Morgan Park High School in Chicago at the age of 16. She married Carl G Peterson on September 9, 1950. They lived in Blue Island, Illinois, Sioux City and eventually Wilson Foods transferred dad to Spencer where she has lived for over 60 years. Mom

and Dad were both only children but had (6) life-long high school friends from Chicago, (Bev & Don, Frank & Delores, Scotty & MaryEllen), with whom they traveled with, visited often and whom we treated like family. Mom was the last of the group.

She is survived by her 3 daughters, Cindy Journey, of Brown Deer, WI; Carla (Joel) of Milwaukee and Linda Norgaard (friend Ed Hansen) of Spencer. She has 5 grandchildren, Matt (Liz) Norgaard of Hartley, Master Sgt. Adam Norgaard (friend Julie Gehling) of Spencer, Eric (Holly) Norgaard of Spirit Lake, Caitlin Journey (friend Denzel Pettigrew) of Brown Deer, WI and Commander Patrick (Stephanie) Sullivan of Annapolis. MD. She also had 7 great grandchildren, Xainder, Jersey, Gavin, Finn, Paige, Kellen and Jack.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Carl in 2004, and son-in-law James Journey in 1992.

It was LaVonne's wish that any memorial tributes be made in the form of charitable donations to the First Congregational Church, People for Pets of Spencer or the ALS Association@ ALS.org.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1701 W 4th Street
Spencer, IA 51301

Previous Events

Prayer Service

AUG 30. 4:00 PM (CT)

St. Luke Lutheran Home Chapel
1301 St. Luke Dr.
Spencer, IA 51301

Visitation

AUG 30. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of LaVonne Peterson*



Robinson Funeral Home - August 28, 2024 at 03:47 PM

SZ

“ *My deepest sympathies go out to LaVonne's family. It's always difficult losing a loved one, especially a parent. I remember the marathon-like card games LaVonne and my mother (Beverly) often played together back in the day. She was always so friendly and nice! If I remember correctly, I think Carl was a salesman, when my dad,(Tom) was parts manager at Halsne's. I ran into LaVonne out at the Muni in Spencer a couple years ago, and to my surprise she remembered me. We spoke briefly about my mother, and we couldn't believe how long it'd been since she's been gone. Well, now my mom has a bridge and pinochle partner My deepest condolences to your family during this difficult time from the Zittritsch family.*

Steve Zittritsch

Steve Zittritsch - September 02, 2024 at 01:25 PM

LH

“ Was sorry to learn of La Vonne's passing - she will be missed by many. I met her many years ago at Tri T at the fair. I would stop and visit her in Emmetsburg where she worked in her "retirement" years. God bless!

Lou Ann Huberty - August 28, 2024 at 10:26 AM

BN

“ Cindy, Linda, and Carla- am so very sorry to hear about LaVonne- your Mom was the best!

bk nielsen - August 27, 2024 at 09:30 PM

BL

“ Precious lady. Looked forward to seeing her every time. We talked about the Lord alot. Glad she is with Jesus, even though it is painful for us to let her go. May God strengthen all of you.

BarB Krumm, LMT - August 26, 2024 at 08:22 PM

BA

“ Beverly Atwell lit a candle in memory of LaVonne Peterson



Beverly Atwell - August 26, 2024 at 05:53 PM

MS

“ My deepest sympathy to LaVonne's family. I have MANY fond memories of her at church growing up. She had the best sense of humor and always told it like it was. Loved that about her. She was always so friendly, no one was a stranger to her. May she rest peacefully in God's grace, mercy and glory.

Michele Landhuis Schultz

Michele Landhuis Schultz - August 26, 2024 at 05:22 PM



“ Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of LaVonne Peterson.



August 26, 2024 at 04:49 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of LaVonne Peterson.



August 26, 2024 at 04:20 PM

DM

“ Duane & Willia Mueske planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LaVonne Peterson.

Duane & Willia Mueske - August 26, 2024 at 04:20 PM

ME

“ MUEKSE ELECTRIC purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of LaVonne Peterson.



MUEKSE ELECTRIC - August 26, 2024 at 04:13 PM

ME

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MUEKSE ELECTRIC - August 26, 2024 at 04:13 PM

BO

“ Linda and family
So sorry to hear about your loss. LaVonne and Judy spent many hours working with TTT and Women's Fellowship. I had the privilege of working with her on MARS. LaVonne RIP 🙏🙏🙏
Bill Orrison

Bill Orrison - August 26, 2024 at 12:10 PM

GB

“ Linda and all,

I'm so sorry to hear your mom has passed. Enjoyed her at church and I was on the wedding committee with her We learned a lot working with her on them. Won't be the same! Sue and I visited with her at the nursing home one day and we talked about her cat she so loved and missed and church. Also Linda, she talked about how you took her to the places she wanted to go like to see her cat and play cards etc. Bless you! Many fond memories to hold tight to your heart! Will miss her!!!

Gayle and Bryan Bailey

Gayle Bailey - August 25, 2024 at 06:58 PM

DF

“ Always enjoyed talking to LaVonne! Such a nice lady!❤️❤️

Diane and Kirby Froehlich - August 25, 2024 at 04:36 PM

JC

“ Jeff And Linda Christoffer lit a candle in memory of LaVonne Peterson



Jeff and Linda Christoffer - August 25, 2024 at 02:01 PM

DE

“ One of my Mom’s dearest friends for 70+ years. I will always cherish the memory of “Aunt LaVonne and Uncle Carl” their generosity, kindness and the fun times shared with our family. Our thoughts are with your family during this difficult time.

Dave & Lynne Easton

David Easton - August 24, 2024 at 09:40 PM