



## Lila K. Wendelboe

June 22, 1938 - July 13, 2022

Lila Katherine (Nulle) Wendelboe was born on June 22nd, 1938 to Harry and Leona (Struve) Nulle, the third of four children. She grew up with her brothers and sister on a farm in the Manning, Iowa area. She graduated from Westside High School in 1956, and moved to Prescott Arizona to help her older sister Marlene, with her new baby, Lila's first nephew. She later moved to Kansas City, MO to work for TWA in bookings. Lila loved to tell funny stories about her time with her roommates in Kansas City, especially the one about how her roommate insisted that she go on a blind, double date with her, and when the men arrived, Lila decided she would only go if she was with the blond, curly-haired service man with the blue eyes. That service man was Terry Wendelboe, and they got to know each other and fell in love. They dated long-distance for a time, and in 1960, Lila moved to Moses Lake, WA to get married. They wed in a simple, private ceremony on August 20, 1960 with both their parents present. In May of 1961, they welcomed a son, Bradley Daryl. The family moved for a short time to South Dakota, to farm near Terry's family. When Terry made a career change to lab technician, the family moved to Minneapolis, MN for his schooling. They lived for a time in Elkhart, Kansas, before moving to Gunnison CO. Lila so loved her time in the mountains, and she always joked that they had to drag her away, leaving heel marks in Monarch Pass when the family moved to Spirit Lake, Iowa in 1968. In July of 1970, Lila and Terry welcomed a daughter (and Bradley welcomed a little sister), Amy Kathryn. In 1977, the family moved to Ida Grove. They lived there

for eleven years, and she and Terry became interested in antiques there. Lila worked as an office manager for a roofing and then a road construction office. In 1988, Lila and her family returned to Spirit Lake, IA. She spent the remainder of her career managing the office of Bill Eich Construction, until her retirement in 2003.

Lila loved her children and grandchildren immensely, often dedicating her time to care for each grandchild when they were little. She will be remembered fondly by all her children and grandchildren as a loving Mama and Gma. Beloved memories include boating, and watching Disney movies and English comedies with her grandchildren, enjoying and critiquing the various Jane Austen-novel adaptations with her daughter, or hearty, late-night discussions with her son.

Lila cared deeply about people, and was a fierce advocate for the young people with whom she worked, with many of them referring to her as “mom” over the years. She was a great listener and always gave good advice. She knew her family history and shared many stories from her childhood with her children. Lila was a life-long lover of dogs, and she had rescued many loyal companions over the years, with the latest being Murray, who stole her heart when she adopted him two years ago.

Lila passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, and Murray, at Lakes Regional Healthcare on Wednesday, July 13th, 2022. Lila was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Terry Wendelboe, her older brother, Merlin Nulle, her older sister, Marlene (Nulle) Joens, her nephews Brent Joens and Kevin Nulle, sister’s-in-law Alta Nulle and Linda Nulle, and two brothers-in-law, Paul Folkerts and Lyle Vosika.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Bradley (Angela) Wendelboe, Amy (Wendelboe) Gathercole, her grandchildren, Kendra Wendelboe, Tabitha (Ethan) Beatty, Zachary Wendelboe, Samuel Gathercole, and Sage Gathercole, her brother, Bill Nulle, brother-in-law, Bob Joens, sisters-in-law, Sharon Vosika and Cynthia Folkerts, several nieces, nephews, and grands, and her loyal companion, Murray.

A celebration of life for both Terry and Lila will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the shelter house in Memorial Park in Spirit Lake. The family wants you to free to come as go as you please. Arrangements are under the direction of the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at [www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com](http://www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 27 (CT)

Memorial Park Shelter House  
300 Lake Street  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

# Tribute Wall

RK

“ *She was a friendly customer at farmers market at Spirit Lake.*

robert keller - August 29, 2022 at 04:38 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lila K. Wendelboe.*



August 25, 2022 at 05:58 PM

SF

“ *SHARON VOSIKA & CYNTHIA FOLKERTS purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Lila K. Wendelboe.*



SHARON VOSIKA & CYNTHIA FOLKERTS - August 23, 2022 at 04:56 PM

JV

“ *Bill and I so appreciate the time and dedication she gave to Bill Eich Construction Co. She was a valued employee but even more so a valued friend. God bless you all.*  
*Jeani Eich Voss*

Jeani Voss - August 01, 2022 at 08:19 AM

SM

“ I waited to write this because I could not find the words to say...I still can't find them. Brad and Amy and families, my heart goes out to you for your loss. Lila was a very special person and I will always be thankful I knew her.

Mary Mills

Steve and Mary Mills - July 31, 2022 at 02:01 PM

DR

“ Doug And Barb Ricke lit a candle in memory of Lila K. Wendelboe



Doug and Barb Ricke - July 21, 2022 at 12:50 PM

BS

May the angels come to greet her and lead her to paradise

Bob and Kate Shaw - August 09, 2022 at 12:31 AM



“ I remember Lila's laugh she was a great soul! Sorry for the family loss!

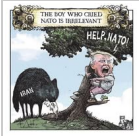
Christa Landreth - July 20, 2022 at 06:44 PM

JP

“ Lila was the first person I met when I moved to Spirit Lake in 1996. For me, Lila was the “face” of Spirit Lake. My husband had just gotten a job at Bill Eich Construction and Lila was wonderful at helping us navigate so many things in our new town including recommending a daycare provider for us. Even though my kids are now in their 20's and 30's we are still friends with that daycare provider! Lila definitely made our transition to Spirit Lake a very smooth one with her friendly and helpful personality. Over the years I would occasionally see her at school bringing something for one of the grandkids or being their taxi service for various things and it was always refreshing to chat with her then. She will be missed!



Jill Petersen - July 20, 2022 at 01:33 PM



“ Matthew Hawn lit a candle in memory of Lila K. Wendelboe



Matthew Hawn - July 20, 2022 at 02:39 AM

TG

“ Twyla Garnmeister lit a candle in memory of Lila K. Wendelboe



Twyla Garnmeister - July 19, 2022 at 01:17 PM

JS

“ Jackson High School purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Lila K. Wendelboe.



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**Jackson High School** - July 18, 2022 at 02:08 PM

JM

“ My sincerest condolences to Lila's family. I was enriched for having known her and all of you. She was a pure delight, friend to all. She will be missed!

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**Jenna Mumm** - July 17, 2022 at 03:32 PM

JB

“ Lila and Terry were such good people.



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**Jim and Annie Bauer** - July 17, 2022 at 11:46 AM

EL

“ She was a good friend for many years. She and Terry were some of the first people we met when we moved to Spirit Lake in 1968. They are missed by their family and friends.

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**Ed & Jean Linhardt** - July 16, 2022 at 01:27 PM

BS

“ Beverly Sill lit a candle in memory of Lila K. Wendelboe



Beverly Sill - July 16, 2022 at 11:21 AM



“ Had many good visits at the Gingham Inn in the day. She was a great lady.

Sandra Dau - July 15, 2022 at 06:26 PM

JP

“ Judy Peddycoart lit a candle in memory of Lila K. Wendelboe



Judy Peddycoart - July 15, 2022 at 01:14 PM

JC

“ Jeff And Linda Christoffer lit a candle in memory of Lila K. Wendelboe



Jeff and Linda Christoffer - July 15, 2022 at 11:25 AM

SD

“ So sorry for your loss!! She was a wonderful woman!!! She was my first landlord ever!!! She will be greatly missed!!

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**sheri daniels** - July 14, 2022 at 03:48 PM

JM

So sorry to hear about Lila, she was a wonderful person and truly one of a kind

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**James Mumm** - July 14, 2022 at 04:57 PM

AW

Lila and I go way back....all the way back to 1959-1960. We both worked for TWA in Kansas City. The best part of all this is we were roommates along with four other girls. Lila was so much fun and was always smiling. Of course that's where she met Terry. I thought he was the cutest guy ever but he belonged to Lila.

Loved that Lila.

Anna Sue Lessly Walton

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**Anna Sue Lessly Walton** - December 02, 2022 at 07:32 PM