



## Loretta Janan Spies

September 17, 1942 - November 23, 2025

Loretta Spies, 83, of Arnolds Park passed away on Sunday, November 23, 2025, at the Accura Healthcare of Milford in Milford, IA.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Milford, IA. A Rosary will be recited at 9:15 AM on Tuesday at the church followed by a visitation up until the time of the Mass at the church. Burial will take place in the Lake View Gardens Cemetery in Okoboji. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake, IA. Online condolences may be left at [www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com](http://www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com)

Loretta "Ret" Janan (Hall) Spies was born on September 17, 1942, in Algona, IA to Walter and Margaret (Waters) Hall. She was united in marriage to James Spies on July 2, 1960. Together they welcomed three children—Lori, Matt, and Molly—who were the pride and joy of Ret's heart.

Ret devoted her life to being a wonderful mother and homemaker. She loved making memories with her children, especially on family ski trips and long days spent boating together. Her grandchildren held a special place in her life, and she cherished every moment with them. In later years she then became "GG" to her great grandchildren who she adored. In her free time, Ret enjoyed playing Bridge with her mom and friends. She loved making jam, crafting

greeting cards, playing the piano for friends and family and sharing her creativity with others. She had a deep love for Lake Okoboji where she spent most of her life enjoying all the lake had to offer.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Lori Spies of Arnold's Park, IA; Matt (Marty) Spies of Spirit Lake, IA; and Molly (Brian) Westergard of Lost Island, IA; life partner Mike Thelen of Arnolds Park, IA; Grandchildren Samantha (Jeff) Burns, Beau (Hannah) Craig, Sydney (Jeremy) Kelly, Grant (Ashley) Westergard, Whitney (Spencer) Vine, and Nataley Westergard; Great grandchildren; Olivia Vine, Braxton Westergard, Ford Burns, Remington Kelly, Paisley Westergard, Adler Kelly, Isla Burns, and Hezekiah Craig; Siblings Jeanne (Robert) Brown, Bill (Sandy) Hall, Judy (Greg) Kendall, Kathy (Mark) McGill and Kris (Ron) Walker.

She was preceded in death by her parents Marge and Walt Hall, niece and nephew Jennifer and Carter Manly and her sister Sue Hall.

# Cemetery Details

## Lake View Gardens

Okoboji, IA 51355

# Previous Events

## Rosary

DEC 2. 9:15 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
1301 Okoboji Ave.  
Milford, IA 51351

## Visitation

DEC 2. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
1301 Okoboji Ave.  
Milford, IA 51351

## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
1301 Okoboji Ave.  
Milford, IA 51351

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Loretta Janan Spies*



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**Robinson Funeral Home** - December 01, 2025 at 05:33 PM

DB

“ *I'm sorry for your loss.  
My sympathy to your family.*



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**Dayle Broocks** - December 02, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Loretta Janan Spies.*



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December 01, 2025 at 09:21 AM

SC

“ We are so sorry to hear of Rett's passing. Hugs to you all: Lori, Matt, Molly, Kris, Kathy, Marty, Sam, Syd & families! Might the fond memories together & her yummy jam making skills live on forever!



Scott & Mary Chambers - November 29, 2025 at 12:12 PM

LS

Thank you so much, Scott and Mary.

Lori J Spies - December 16, 2025 at 06:55 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Loretta Janan Spies.



November 29, 2025 at 10:04 AM

BF

“ Barry Forbes lit a candle in memory of Loretta Janan Spies



Barry Forbes - November 28, 2025 at 07:42 PM

MV

“ Mike & Helen Larsen, Jone and Tyler Voss purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Loretta Janan Spies.



Mike & Helen Larsen, Jone and Tyler Voss - November 28, 2025 at 02:40 PM

CT

“ Carl and Debbie Thelen purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Loretta Janan Spies.



Carl and Debbie Thelen - November 28, 2025 at 01:36 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Loretta Janan Spies.



November 28, 2025 at 09:29 AM

TG

“ Twyla Garnmeister lit a candle in memory of Loretta Janan Spies



Twyla Garnmeister - November 26, 2025 at 07:59 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Loretta Janan Spies.*



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November 26, 2025 at 04:26 PM



“ *Matt and Family. My sincere condolences on the loss of your Mom, Grandmother, GG. Prayers*



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**Deb Wilcox** - November 26, 2025 at 05:42 AM



“ *Condolences To the Spies family. First thing I thought of was the bridge club Ret and my mom, and Aunt Gar, and Hean Elsenbast. I know I missed some.*

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**Geoffrey Voigt** - November 25, 2025 at 05:42 PM



“ *Lori and Matt, my sincerest condolences. My long ago memories are of your mom are those of one of the classiest women in the area. May your many memories be of comfort to you in the coming years. Tim Rooney*

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**Tim Rooney** - November 25, 2025 at 02:23 PM

SD

“ *Matt and Molly, so sorry for your loss. She was a sweet lady. Hugs to you.*

Sally DeLoss - November 25, 2025 at 08:58 AM

SM

“ *Rest in Peace Rhett*



SUSAN MUNSEN - November 25, 2025 at 08:44 AM

TE

“ *To the family of Loretta she will always hold a special place in my heart and always be remembered with smiles and laughter ret you will be missed happy Trails heid*

tery - November 24, 2025 at 04:17 PM

MT

“ *My deepest sympathies for the Spies family. Rett was a strong women and raised her children to be kind and loving adults. Growing up in Graettinger allowed me to watch and interact with this caring family group. Rest in peace, Rett.*

Mary Potter Thunhorst - November 24, 2025 at 03:07 PM

KR

*Lori, Matt & Molly, I'm so sorry. Didn't know about this until today. I have such fond memories of your whole family. Rest in paradise Rett*

Kathleen Reynolds - November 26, 2025 at 09:14 AM

LS

*Thank you so very much.*

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**Lori J Spies** - December 16, 2025 at 06:59 PM

MD

“ RIP Loretta 🌸



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**Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley** - November 24, 2025 at 01:42 PM