



## Lynne Swanger

June 25, 1953 - September 7, 2023

Lynne Ross Swanger, 70, of Spirit Lake passed away on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at Accura Healthcare of Spirit Lake.

Services for Lynne will be held at Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center in Okoboji on Thursday September 21st at 10 a.m. A lunch catered by Lynne's daughter Dona will be followed by the service. The Robinson Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences may be left at [www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com](http://www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com)

Lynne was born on June 25, 1953, to Keith and Elveda (Knutson) Ross in Spirit Lake, IA. She graduated from Spirit Lake High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Buena Vista University in Spencer. In her earlier years she was passionate about fashion, make-up, hair, interior design, as well as other art forms. She remained passionate about these things, but being a mother was Lynne's earliest and biggest dream. After becoming a mother, she devoted most of her time to her children. She enjoyed watching her first daughter (Megan) become a mother, her second daughter (Paige) explore her different passions and talents and supporting and hearing about her third daughter's (Dona) career goals. She enjoyed having booths in antique stores and flea markets. Lynne worked alongside her daughter Megan at a local daycare, and with her daughter Dona at the McDonald's in Okoboji. Lynne was a born-again Christian. Her relationship with God was very important to her.

In her free time, she enjoyed watching TV and movies. Lynne loved to sit

outside on her deck and enjoy nature. She also enjoyed collecting dolls. She would often take the dolls she collected and fix them up and resell them. Lynne loved comedy and laughing. She loved animals and treated her pets like family.

Left to cherish her memory are her 3 daughters, Megan Odefey-McManaway of Largo, FL; Paige; and Dona Swanger of Spirit Lake; son-in-law Randy McManaway of Largo, FL; mother, Elveda Ross of Spirit Lake; four grandchildren, Traju'n Luze, Dominick Odefey, Finley McManaway, and Arabella McManaway; her sister Susan Howe of Spencer, IA; brother-in-law Tom Howe of Spencer, IA; and niece Gayle Conover of Okoboji, IA. She was preceded in death by her father Keith Ross; her grandparents Hobart and Alta Ross; and niece Kristin Howe.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center  
1405 US HWY 71  
Okoboji, IA 51355

# Tribute Wall

CR

“ I always enjoyed being around Lynne and goofing off with her! Cousin Lynne really did have a dry sense of humor (wonder where she got that!) and living next door to her was fun! Rest in peace dear Cousin.,!

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**Carl Ross** - September 14, 2023 at 10:17 PM

KS

“ As a cousin of Lynne, I lived next door to her and recall many adventures as she grew up. It's difficult to deal with what she had to go through and I wish her only peace now. ❤️

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**Kathy Saunders** - September 14, 2023 at 07:29 PM

CC

“ I had the best friendship with Lynn when I was in high school. I got to work with her at Vacation Village during those years and needless to say, we had a great time and developed a great friendship. We lost touch when I moved out of Iowa and got busy with my life. Lynn was such a sweet person and I will always feel blessed that I was touched by her sweetness and Her life. ❤️❤️❤️

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**Constance Cloak** - September 13, 2023 at 01:55 PM



Constance, I too, was a friend of Lynn. I hadn't seen her since 1968. By chance would you have 2-3 photos of her, from the mid to late 60s? John Eller, 916-879-5936. We would go water skiing. Thx

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**John Eller** - December 20, 2023 at 02:57 PM

MD

“ *My deepest sympathy to Lynn's daughters and family. I always enjoyed her dry sense of humor and kind gentle spirit. Rest in peace Lynn.*

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**Mary K Donovan** - September 12, 2023 at 10:59 PM

FO

“ *Floyd Ogle lit a candle in memory of Lynne Swanger*



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**Floyd Ogle** - September 12, 2023 at 07:01 PM

KE

“ *To The Ross Family ~*

*My heart and prayers are with you.*

*I SAID A PRAYER*

*I said a prayer for you today, although you didn't hear.*

*I asked God to help you with your grief and to lessen your fear.*

*May each day your grief become more bearable, and give you peace of mind.*

*You have lost a very special person who was to everyone so kind.*

*by Konnie Sue (Klein) Egertson  
SLHS Class of 1971*

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**Konnie Sue (Klein) Egertson** - September 08, 2023 at 05:43 PM

MS

“ *Lynne offered such genuine caring friendship. Prayers for her loved ones at this difficult time. Marilyn Strickland*

Marilyn Strickland - September 08, 2023 at 04:01 PM

DD

“ *Deepest sympathy from the Dickinson family. Rest in peace, Lynne*



dan and Shirley Dickinson - September 08, 2023 at 03:57 PM

KM

“ *My most sincere condolences to the Ross and Swanger Families. I was a Spirit Lake Elementary, Middle School, and High School classmate (SLHS Class of 1971). I grew up on West Okoboji as my family's home was between Monarch Cove (Methodist Camp) and Pikes Point. Lynne was a beautiful girl and I always thought how much fun it must have been to be part of a family that owned one of the biggest resorts on West Lake. I remember her dry sense of humor, her beautiful blond hair, and her first car when she got her license. I understood she had suffered major health challenges and I was so sorry to hear that news. May she rest now in peace. Sincerely Konnie (Hughes) Mitchell*

Konnie Mitchell - September 08, 2023 at 03:12 PM

VU

“ *Extending sympathy to the entire Ross family and especially our classmate Susan.*

*On behalf of the SLHS Class of 1968.*

*Vern Underwood*

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**Vern Underwood** - September 08, 2023 at 01:31 PM

DG

“ *Denise D Gilmore lit a candle in memory of Lynne Swanger*



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**Denise D Gilmore** - September 08, 2023 at 06:29 AM

DB

“ *My sympathy to your family.*

*Dayle Brooks*



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**Dayle Brooks** - September 07, 2023 at 07:37 PM

KF

“ *Ken Farmer lit a candle in memory of Lynne Swanger*



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**Ken Farmer** - September 07, 2023 at 06:11 PM