



## Mabel Janis Kruse

December 24, 1923 - February 11, 2020

Mabel Janis Anderson Kruse, 96, of Spirit Lake passed away on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at the Lakes Regional Healthcare of Spirit Lake. Memorial services for Janis will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 14, 2020 at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake.

Janis was born on December 24, 1923 in Estherville, IA to Clarence W. and Martha Blanche (Klinepeter) Anderson. She graduated from Gruver High School in 1942. She was united in marriage to Lester Bush on June 20, 1942. To this union their daughter Patricia was born. Janis was later united in marriage to Kenneth Kruse on May 20, 1961. He preceded her in death.

Janis worked for a short time as a secretary for an attorney in Kansas. She later moved back to Estherville where she was a bookkeeper for Iowa Trust Bank. Janis was a long-time member of the Storm Lake Presbyterian Church. In her youth, she enjoyed growing up on the family farm and being in 4H. In high school she was the High School Singing State Champ. Janis enjoyed visits with friends and tending to her flowers, quilting and crocheting.

She is survived by her daughter Patricia (Gerald) Phipps of Spirit Lake; 5 grandchildren, Nancy, James, David, Molly and Michael and 15 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Kenneth, sisters Evelyn

and Miriam.

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB **14**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church  
1812 Gary Ave  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

# Tribute Wall

VH

“ Vicki Herr lit a candle in memory of Mabel Janis Kruse



Vicki herr - February 13, 2020 at 02:32 PM

MC

“ I was sorry to hear of Janis' passing! Jim and I always enjoyed visiting with Janis when we would deliver groceries to her; she was so delightful and appreciative! Deepest sympathies to the family!



Mary Christianson

Mary Christianson - February 13, 2020 at 01:57 PM

GG

“ So sorry to hear of Janis' passing. During our last conversation a few weeks ago she was so happy to be 96 years old and enjoying life! I will miss her laughter and smile!

Greg Gamble - February 12, 2020 at 10:47 PM



“ Pat and Jerry,  
I remember meeting her at one of your parties. She was amazing.  
So sorry for your loss.

Sandra Dau - February 12, 2020 at 10:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mabel Janis Kruse.*



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February 12, 2020 at 08:16 PM



“ *Our church delivered groceries and Meals on Wheels to Janis at Courtyard Gardens and Keelson for many many years. She was always such a delight to visit with. One of the very kindest and sweetest and most appreciative people we have ever met. We never could have guessed her age either she was such a spry "youngster." Rest in peace dear Janis - Blessed to know you! Your friends at Grace Lutheran Church*

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**Grace Lutheran** - February 12, 2020 at 06:24 PM



“ *Janis was one of the kindest ladies I have ever met. I took her grocery orders for many years and always enjoyed our conversation every Wed morning. I will always treasure her insight. RIP sweet Janis! ❤️*

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**Nancy Newcomb** - February 12, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ *Janis was such a wonderful lady. I truly enjoyed our visits and will remember her with such happiness. My sympathy and prayers to Pat and family.  
Jessie Warburton*



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**Jessie Warburton** - February 12, 2020 at 11:25 AM

LM

“ Dear Janis was an exceptionally good friend to our mother, Evie, as the two were neighbors for years. They shared wisdom and joy! And, each lived to be 96 years of age. Well done, good and faithful servants.

Life is never quite the same without them by our sides. But, how we are blessed by the wealth of examples of values-to-live-by that remain as an ongoing gift to us.

Our sincere sympathy and prayers to Pat and family as they each continue life in the way Janis led them.

Friends Linda (Bill) Moore and Lee Ann Stransky

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Linda Moore - February 12, 2020 at 08:23 AM