



## Marjorie Boeke

November 17, 1937 - December 12, 2020

Marjorie Ellen (Oberhokamp) Boeke was born on November 17, 1937 to parents who immigrated to the U.S. from Germany. She lived in Radcliffe, Iowa, with her six siblings, and spoke fondly of growing up on a farm—the porch swing, barn raisings, chasing chickens for dinner, fresh pies. She spoke of the long walk to her country school, which felt even longer on frigid, winter days. In high school, Marge became the star of the girls' basketball team, taking them to state, and was voted Outstanding Forward on the all-state conference team.

At age 19, Marge married her high school sweetheart, Thomas Henry Boeke of Hubbard, Iowa. They moved to Iowa City, and later Memphis, before settling in Spirit Lake, Iowa, where Tom practiced optometry and they raised their three children.

Marge was an avid runner, biker, and tennis player, and loved exercising before dawn. She liked to keep busy and moving and remained competitive, entering several 5K and 10K races in the lakes area, and routinely beating her husband in tennis.

A loyal Hawkeye fan, Marge rarely missed home football or televised basketball games. But the big draw to Iowa City was her four grandchildren, who all resided there. She attended many of their birthdays, sporting events, and school performances.

Marge had a knack for decorating and making everything she touched more beautiful. Her home was transformed for each holiday. Her grandchildren

fondly recall Christmases at Grandma's with a tree in every room and plates of assorted Christmas cookies, fifteen or more varieties, all homemade, some handed down German recipes.

Singing in the church choir was one of her favorite past times. She rarely missed a Sunday. If she thought a parishioner was lonely, Mom would pay them a visit, bearing something homemade. At Christmas, she delivered many cookie plates.

After her three children were grown, Marge cared for the children of two different local Spirit Lake families. These kids filled her life with so much joy as she watched them grow and move away. Before Alzheimer's, she knew where each of these kids lived, and if they'd moved, married or had kids of their own. Marge is survived by her loving husband, Tom Boeke, her three children, Anthony J. Boeke of Hubbard, IA, Ann M. Boeke of Des Moines, IA, and Angela J. Boeke of Breckenridge, CO. Her four grandchildren, the light of her life, are Ellie M. Conser, Maxwell R. Alberhasky, Grayson H. Alberhasky, and Ruby R. Gerard.

Marge passed away on December 12, 2020 from Covid-19. She will be greatly missed.

Marjorie Boeke, age 83, passed away on Saturday, December 12, 2020, at the Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake, IA.

A time of visitation will be held from 4:00 - 6:00 pm on Tuesday, December 15th at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake, IA. The family will not be present.

The visitation scheduled for Wednesday evening and the burial for Thursday morning for Marjorie Boeke have been postponed.

A flowing visitation will be held from 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Thursday, in conjunction with the visitation for her loving husband Thomas.

A double graveside funeral service for Marge and Tom Boeke will be held at 10:30 am Friday in the Hubbard Cemetery.

Please wear a mask and respect social distancing guidelines at all functions.

The Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home is in charge of Spirit Lake arrangements and the Boeke Funeral Home is in charge of Hubbard arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

ST

“ Sharon (Kabele) Tyson lit a candle in memory of Marjorie Boeke



Sharon (Kabele) Tyson - December 26, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ Tara Currier-Hofer lit a candle in memory of Marjorie Boeke



Tara Currier-Hofer - December 22, 2020 at 09:46 PM



Tom and Marge were such a sweet couple. Tom was my family's eye doctor. They were special friends of ours and they will be missed.

Tara Currier-Hofer - December 22, 2020 at 09:46 PM

JB

“ JULIE BERGQUIST lit a candle in memory of Marjorie Boeke



JULIE BERGQUIST - December 22, 2020 at 10:11 AM

DF

“ *Marjorie was the pure definition of class. She was so kind and just a beautiful woman in so many ways. All of us are blessed we had the opportunity to be touched by her.* ”

Dr Steve Ferguson - December 18, 2020 at 09:01 AM

NR

“ *Nancy Radcliffe lit a candle in memory of Marjorie Boeke* ”



Nancy Radcliffe - December 17, 2020 at 07:53 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marjorie Boeke.* ”



December 16, 2020 at 01:58 PM

LC

“ *Lakes Art Center lit a candle in memory of Marjorie Boeke* ”



Lakes Art Center - December 16, 2020 at 01:13 PM

KB

“ I was deeply saddened to hear the news. My high school memories include many many great times spent at the Boeke's home on West Okoboji. I was always welcomed, plus Marge made great cookies.

*Poncho Baker*

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**k poncho baker** - December 16, 2020 at 12:32 PM

DB

“ I am sorry for your loss. My sympathy.

*Dayle Brooks*



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**Dayle Brooks** - December 16, 2020 at 09:56 AM

KK

“ Forever Memories of Marge in church choirs and wonderful Christmas gatherings at her home. Thankful that our lives passed here in Spirit Lake

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**K. Krueger** - December 16, 2020 at 08:27 AM

BS

“ Our sympathy to the Boeke family. They made community a better place to live. God bless.



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**Bob and Kate Shaw** - December 16, 2020 at 03:27 AM

DF

“ *Dianne & Steve Franker lit a candle in memory of Marjorie Boeke*



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**Dianne & Steve Franker** - December 15, 2020 at 05:24 PM

MS

“ *She was such a genuine, caring person. Thankful to have known her.  
Prayers for you, her precious family & loved ones.*

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**Marilyn Strickland** - December 15, 2020 at 03:13 PM

LB

“ *Linda K Baltzegar lit a candle in memory of Marjorie Boeke*



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**Linda K Baltzegar** - December 15, 2020 at 11:13 AM

AM

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Marge's passing. She was a part of our family for over 10 years. I couldn't have managed without her. A role model for our six kids, showing them kindness, compassion and hard work— and such a friend to me. RIP Marge*

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**Ann Mugge** - December 15, 2020 at 10:14 AM

PR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family.  
Great lady and Hawkeye fan.*



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**Peggy Rick** - December 15, 2020 at 09:56 AM

SS

“ *Our sympathies to Tom, Andy, Ann, and Angela. I enjoyed the Boeke kids so much in years past as I had them in my classes at SLHS. Stan and Rhea Sybesma*

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**Stan and Rhea Sybesma** - December 15, 2020 at 09:42 AM

JE

“ *Marge was such a beautiful lady with such a kind heart. Blessings to her and to the family.*

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**Jeani Eich** - December 15, 2020 at 08:40 AM

KR

“ *Kristine Rowley lit a candle in memory of Marjorie Boeke*



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**Kristine Rowley** - December 15, 2020 at 07:44 AM

AK

“ *Ann Kieffaber lit a candle in memory of Marjorie Boeke*



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**Ann Kieffaber** - December 14, 2020 at 08:33 PM

FK

“ *Fred Kaminska lit a candle in memory of Marjorie Boeke*



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**Fred Kaminska** - December 14, 2020 at 08:01 PM

PG

“ *My sympathies to Tom and family. Marge was always a classy lady. I really got to know her in the last couple of years when I'd visit my own mom at Keelson Harbor. I found out how much she loved music and how it made her smile. Peace and blessings. Peggy Gustafson.*

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**Peggy Gustafson** - December 14, 2020 at 05:18 PM

HE

“ *So sorry for your loss Dr. Boeke. Please know that we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Terry and Mary Heidebrink*

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**Heidebrink** - December 14, 2020 at 04:56 PM

NM

“ Norm Meinking lit a candle in memory of Marjorie Boeke



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**norm meinking** - December 14, 2020 at 04:01 PM

GD

“ Our sympathy to the family.

*Chuck and Gloria Ditsworth*

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**gloria Ditsworth** - December 14, 2020 at 02:01 PM

GG

“ I'm sorry for your loss, Tom.

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**Greg Gamble** - December 14, 2020 at 12:32 PM

NR

“ Nancy Rees lit a candle in memory of Marjorie Boeke



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**Nancy Rees** - December 14, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marjorie Boeke.*



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December 14, 2020 at 12:04 PM



“ *My sympathy to your family.*

*Dayle Broocks*



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**Dayle Broocks** - December 14, 2020 at 08:41 AM



“ *So sorry to hear! Marge was one of my favorite people! We sure shared some good laughs in the past! She was a very kind thoughtful person and will be missed! Hugs and prayers to all!*



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**Marcie Lago** - December 13, 2020 at 08:12 PM