



## Pearl Jones

January 7, 1935 - January 10, 2025

Pearl Jones, 90, of Lakefield, MN, passed away on Friday, January 10, 2025, at her home in Lakefield, MN.

Funeral services for Pearl will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 17, 2025, at the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be held in the Spirit Lake Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Spirit Lake, IA. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at [www.spiritlekefuneralhome.com](http://www.spiritlekefuneralhome.com)

Pearl Elaine (Sangl) Jones was born on January 7, 1935, to Charley and Winifred (Hansen) Sangl in Spirit Lake, IA. She was raised in a small rural farm house where she enjoyed spending time outdoors with her siblings. We often heard stories about mischievous pranks her and her brother Don engaged in during their childhood. Pearl could be found participating in “daring” activities on the farm such as climbing across the barn rafters. She loved riding her bike and would frequently ride for miles to visit neighbors and sell flower seeds & magazines for the school fundraisers.

She started school in the little country schoolhouse not far from her home which was built on land donated by her Grandma Emma Sangl. Her Grandma Sangl lived on her route to school and she would stop in for a visit regularly with her and Aunt Sophie. These two ladies were very special to Pearl and taught her the art of crocheting with no pattern required. Her summer vacations often included a train trip to Des Moines, IA to spend time with her

Grandma & Grandpa Hansen. Pearl finished her education at the Sioux Valley High School where she graduated in 1952. She was united in marriage to Wesley Jones on January 18, 1953, in the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church.

On the farm Pearl helped with the field work, milked cows, raised chickens and pigs, managed the family household, was a talented baker, and cooked three homemade meals a day, with her most sought after dish being her fried chicken. Pearl was also a great seamstress, she sewed most of the childrens clothes while they were growing up, and even tackled some women's suits. One of Pearl's special talents was her ability to make and create crafts, by picking up ideas from craft shows and then making her own original creations. Due to Pearl's love for homemaking and crafts she was a long-time member of the Jackson County Home Project Extension Group where she later was awarded the Rural Homemaker of the Year in 1996 and received an all expenses paid trip to the Twin Cities. In Pearl's own words to receiving this award, she said "I just enjoy people and have been content with my home-and-hearth role through the years. I wouldn't be happy doing anything else!" She also served as chairperson for her local township group, the Minnesota Marvels, and also the vice president and president of the County Home Project Council. She was a long time member of the Sioux Valley Garden Club and later took the position of president. She was also on the board as treasurer and secretary of the Jackson County Historical Museum. Some of Pearl's favorite hobbies included crafts, crocheting doilies, vegetable and flower gardening, hunting critters, and fishing. She loved old country western music, and idolized Elvis Presely, whom she was proud to be born one day apart from. Pearl said "There wasn't much I was afraid to try, and I always liked a challenge." One of her greatest joys was her family, whom she loved all so dearly.

She was blessed with seven children and left to cherish her memory are, Deborah (Ray) Salzwedel of Windom, MN; Nancy (Bob) Bass of Jackson, MN; Bonnie Johnson of Lakefield, MN; Julie (Tim) Smith of Paynesville, MN; Keith

(Rebecca) Jones of Lakefield, MN; June (Kevin) Kellner of Windom, MN; and Wesley Jon (Dawn) Jones of Granger, IA; 15 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and her sister Marie Rippetoe of Idaho.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Wesley, grandson Justin Johnson, grandson Kyle Bass, and her son-in-law Kenny Johnson.

Memorials may be sent to the Pearl Jones Family, PO Box 802, Lakefield, MN, 56150

# Cemetery Details

## Spirit Lake Memory Gardens

Hudson Ave West  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Robinson Funeral Home  
2317 32nd Street  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Pearl Jones*



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**Robinson Funeral Home** - January 17, 2025 at 11:18 AM

AN

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of Perls, beloved family's members!*

*I got to know Pearl the last few years and this has been a blessing. Through her physical and mental strength, kindness, dedication and concern for family. She shined bright! Teaching me so much about life, her greatness will shine through for years to come by all lives she has touched.*

*From pearls witty jokes to get a point across to her care and compassion she showed to my children, and self. You are missed but always a positive light in this world.*

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**Anonymous** - January 17, 2025 at 01:56 AM

AS

“ *Our sincerest sympathy at the loss of your dear mother. She was such a pleasant and friendly lady. Amy (Place) and Jerry Schlager*

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**Amy Schlager** - January 17, 2025 at 01:17 AM

EM

“ Our sincere condolences are with you as you grieve. Thinking of you Deb!! Elaine McDowell and Ellen Bleck

Elaine McDowell - January 16, 2025 at 08:29 PM

AF

“ Amber, Chad, Brandy and families. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Pearl Jones.



Amber, Chad, Brandy and families. - January 16, 2025 at 02:18 PM

TS

“ Sorry for your loss. I'll always remember Aunt Pearl as a kind, caring person.

Tom Sangl - January 15, 2025 at 07:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pearl Jones.



January 15, 2025 at 02:37 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Pearl Jones.



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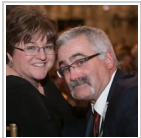
January 15, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pearl Jones.

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January 15, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. Pearl and Wes were great neighbors. I remember all the visits and meetings for County Extension she would lead for the women in the township. My mother-in-law took part in these meetings and enjoyed the crafts Pearl would provide. We also would often meet up with Pearl and Wes on the side of the road or at Walmart just to say hi and visit for a while. One time Pearl drove by as my son and some of his friends were catching Carp on the little Sioux by their place. She stopped and asked the boys if they wanted her to smoke those for them (they were about 13 or 14). They thought that would be great! Several days later, she stopped over with the smoked fish and Jon got his first taste of smoked Carp :-)

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**Shirley Handzus** - January 15, 2025 at 11:59 AM

WF

“ *With Love, The Don and Pat Sangl Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Pearl Jones.*



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**With Love, The Don and Pat Sangl Family** - January 14, 2025  
at 06:37 PM

KV

“ *Kim & Mary Jo Pedersen, Bobbie Jo Pedersen, Logan Pedersen, Collin Pedersen, Kim, Jake & Vanessa purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Pearl Jones.*



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**Kim & Mary Jo Pedersen, Bobbie Jo Pedersen, Logan Pedersen, Collin Pedersen, Kim, Jake & Vanessa** - January 14, 2025 at 05:53 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Pearl Jones.*



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January 14, 2025 at 02:06 PM

BK

“ *Sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed visiting with your mom. Great respect for the family.*  
*Bruce and Sylvia Keenan*

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**Bruce and Sylvia Keenan** - January 14, 2025 at 11:57 AM

RB

“ Robert N Bonnie Boetel lit a candle in memory of Pearl Jones



Robert n Bonnie Boetel - January 14, 2025 at 11:34 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Pearl Jones.



January 13, 2025 at 11:44 AM

EW

“ Eric Werner lit a candle in memory of Pearl Jones



Eric Werner - January 13, 2025 at 09:22 AM

JC

“ Jeff & Linda Christoffer lit a candle in memory of Pearl Jones



Jeff & Linda Christoffer - January 13, 2025 at 08:17 AM

MF

“ *Matt, Trishia, and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Pearl Jones.*



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**Matt, Trishia, and Family** - January 12, 2025 at 11:02 PM

MF

“ *Matt, Trishia, and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pearl Jones.*

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**Matt, Trishia, and Family** - January 12, 2025 at 11:02 PM