



## Susan T. Larsen

April 30, 1940 - May 30, 2013

Susan Todd Larsen, age 73, of Okoboji, passed away Thursday, May 30, 2013, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake. She was born on April 30, 1940, in Graettinger, Iowa, to Dr. Creno and Evelyn (Waters) Shiley.

Sue graduated from Graettinger High School in 1958, and the University of Iowa in 1962. She was united in marriage to Paul Larsen in 1958, and after completing their education moved to Estherville. After Paul's untimely death, Sue lived for the past twenty years in Okoboji, enjoying the lake views from Des Moines Beach, boating and spending time with family and friends.

Sue taught at the elementary level in Iowa City and Estherville, taught and supervised remedial reading in Iowa City, and initiated the Talented and Gifted Program in the Estherville Schools. She taught dog obedience training for twenty years, starting as a 4-H leader, was a veterinary assistant for over six years, a member of the Dickinson County Water Quality Commission, on the Planning and Zoning Committee, and was in her fourteenth year on the Okoboji City Council. Sue devoted many years to singing in the Many Voices Choir, enjoyed her family, outdoor activities, traveling, music, reading and many friendships.

Sue is survived by her son, Michael Larsen, and his wife, Helen, and her son, Brody; daughters, Cynthia Simmons, and her husband, Jerrod, and his daughter, Brianna, and Jone Voss; grandchildren, Ben Larsen (Emily Anderson), Shae Larsen, Nathan, Jacob, Katherine and Samuel Wigans and Tyler Voss; great-granddaughter, Kendal Larsen; Sue's faithful sister, Jonne

Shiley; and her friend, Dotty Hill.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30A.M. Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at First Lutheran Church in West Okoboji. Visitation will be held Monday, from 4:00P.M. until 7:00P.M. at the Schuchert Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Burial will be at the Wallingford Lutheran Cemetery.

The Schuchert Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

LE

“ She was my favorite teacher! After 46 years I contacted her to see if she had dental records of my brother. She at that time helped me figure out what hospital he had been in to have pins put in his knees, since dental records were gone. I saw her at the funeral and I want to say that she was the most beautiful and inspiring teacher I ever had... you are one lucky family to call her mom. I am so sorry for your loss! I just found out today as I am in Tempe AZ...RIP Mrs. Larsen

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**Lori Hamilton Eike** - August 03, 2013 at 01:34 PM

SK

“ Jone-you are in my thoughts and prayers today as you lay your mom to rest. She was a very sweet lady who always greeted me with a smile when I came to your house to hang out. You know I love you Jone-God Bless.

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**Skeeter** - June 04, 2013 at 10:41 AM

BR

“ Your mother was a dear friend! I have known her for many years but got to really know her when I lived across the street from the past few years. We shared several meals and conversations. She was a good listener and she loved all of her family but especially her Savior. I will miss her. My sympathy to all of you.

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**Barbara Reinders** - June 04, 2013 at 12:20 AM

PK

“ Sue had a great impact on my life. When I was a teenager, I was fortunate to meet Sue and Paul through the Hopkins family. Sue was always so kind and welcoming to me. That kindness is something I will always remember. Paul & Sue were great role models for young people. I learned the value of an education and how to enjoy life from them. Michael, Cynthia, Jone, and the Hopkins family, thanks for sharing Sue with me!  
Pat Kenaley, Le Mars, IA

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**Pat Kenaley** - June 03, 2013 at 12:35 PM

JM

“ Jone & family, So sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother. Always keep your memories close. My deepest sympathy.

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**Jane Matthews** - June 03, 2013 at 10:50 AM

CH

“ Cynthia, Michael and Jone - Love you all. I know that Tall Paul was eager to greet his lovely bride and welcome her into their happily ever after. You are all in my thoughts and prayers - every day.

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**Christine "Xtine" Huffaker** - June 03, 2013 at 10:18 AM

DK

“ Michael, Cynthia, and Jone, Your Mom was a very special lady. We will always hold fond memories of her in our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Doug & Kathy Knudson** - June 01, 2013 at 08:36 PM

JT

“ *Joni and family,  
My heart goes out to you-I lost my Mom last July and it seems like only yesterday. Your Mom was a great lady. I remember snowmobiling at their farm. What fun we had. Always remember the good times forever in your heart.*

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**Julie Thiesen** - June 01, 2013 at 01:46 PM

DM

“ *Joni,  
My thoughts are with you and your family. I know how hard it is to loose a Mother. There are many wonderful memories to share and keep locked in your heart forever. Just remember you are locked in her heart forever; with all her love.*

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**Delma McClain** - June 01, 2013 at 12:48 PM

LC

“ *Joni and family,  
I am so sorry for all of you. I will always remember Sue with great fondness and I will miss her ready smile and her warm welcome whenever I visited the Lake. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Linda Hatten Chapman** - May 31, 2013 at 06:16 PM

KW

“ *Joni-So sorry to hear of your mom's passing - my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Kristie Wintz** - May 31, 2013 at 04:04 PM

JR

“ I am so sorry to hear of Sue passing, we shared a lot of great times and memories. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. She will be greatly missed.

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**James J. Roberts** - May 31, 2013 at 02:32 PM

BW

“ Joni and family. So terribly sorry about your mom. May you all find some peace in God's promise of everlasting life. Thoughts and prayers with you all.

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**Bev Wittler** - May 31, 2013 at 01:43 PM

BE

“ Susan T. Larsen

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**Bev.Wittler** - May 31, 2013 at 01:40 PM