



Wanda Louise Kennis

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Wanda 'Louise' (Weezee) Kennis, age 85, of Centerville, Iowa, passed away Friday, August 25, 2017 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa. Louise was born on January 15, 1932, in Mystic, Iowa, the daughter of Andrew and Ruth (Babbitt) Kennis. She graduated from Mystic High School in 1949. Following high school graduation, Louise accepted a position with ISU (Iowa Southern Utilities). She began her employment as a billing clerk with ISU at the Rexall Drug Store in Mystic, Iowa. Louise eventually relocated to the ISU Building located on the Northeast corner of the Centerville Square. Throughout the years, her job responsibilities with ISU included numerous customer service positions. Louise retired from Iowa Southern Utilities in the early 1990s, following a career that spanned forty four years with the company.

Louise believed in the betterment of the Centerville community. Her civic responsibilities led her to becoming a Centerville City Council Member, a position she maintained for over sixteen years. Following her time with the Centerville City Council, Louise preserved her presence in the community by serving on the Centerville Variance Board, a board position she held until her passing.

In her free time, Louise enjoyed bowling. Moreover, she was an active league member at Adams Bowl in Centerville for forty years. Louise enjoyed competing at team bowling tournaments throughout the Midwest. She was also a past member of BPW-Business and Professional Women.

Louise was baptized at the age of sixty five at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Centerville and maintained her membership with the church for the past twenty years.

Everyone will remember Weezee for her 'infamous' joke telling. She is survived by two nieces, Sue Valentine of Adel, Iowa, and Christy (Chuck) Trullinger of Urbandale, Iowa; a nephew, David Large of Newton, Iowa; many



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adopted daughters, granddaughters, nieces, and grandsons; as well as her beloved dog, Freddie.

Louise was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Avis Kennis; and a brother-in-law, Charlie 'Junior' Large.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 AM, Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory in Centerville with Reverend Jeremy McElvain officiating. Burial will follow in the Promise City Cemetery, Promise City, Iowa. A visitation will take place on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory in Centerville, with the family greeting friends from 9:00-10:30AM. Memorials have been established to the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Centerville and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa, 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.langefh.com.

Visitation

2017-08-30 09:00:00

10:30:00

Lange Funeral Home & Crematory

1900 South 18th St

Centerville

IA

52544

Funeral Service

2017-08-30 10:30:00

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 12:58 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 1:02 PM



Shawna Teater lit a candle in honor of Wanda.

Lit a candle in memory of Wanda Louise Kennis

August 29 at 7:00 PM



Janice Wright lit a candle in honor of Wanda.

Lit a candle in memory of Wanda Louise Kennis

August 28 at 7:00 PM



Jennifer Wood posted:

I will remember my great Aunt Louise for being one of a kind. She was always fun to talk to when I was a kid and we would always beg her to tell jokes at family gatherings. She will be missed.

August 27 at 7:00 PM



Dianne Mcconville Raney posted:

Louise was full of life and fun. She was dear to my grandmother. They shared tons of laughs together during their many years of employment at Iowa Southern Utilities. Rest in Peace, Louise.

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Tina & Greg Mcburney lit a candle in honor of Wanda.

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SM

Shirley Morlan lit a candle in honor of Wanda.

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BH

Barb Haskell lit a candle in honor of Wanda.

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August 26 at 7:00 PM



DS

Dianne Scott Strickler posted:

To Weezee's family and close friends--so sad to learn of her death. She was always good for a laugh and enjoyed the times I got to see her before moving away.

August 26 at 7:00 PM

HO

Home posted:

I so remember weezer for all her jokes and i bowled 2 years with her on her team she was a hoot and always enjoyed mixed company. She use to go to Club 34 years ago and was at my wedding reception and was the life of the party was never a dull moment when she was present. She will be missed by many. Rip weezer go join aunt lucy and mom in heaven. Gone but not forgotten

August 25 at 7:00 PM

DL

Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson posted:

Please accept our sincere sympathy and prayers, and may your memories give you peace.

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MM

Marsha Mitchell posted:

Louise was one of a kind! A mother to all, a friend to everyone and a lady who could tell a joke or story better than anyone I've ever known. She was a dedicated employee and a hard worker. What a friend, woman and community lover she was! We will miss you, Louise! Make 'em laugh up there!

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BC

Beverly Caraccio lit a candle in honor of Wanda.

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JL

Joann Laurson lit a candle in honor of Wanda.

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NT

Nellie Thomas lit a candle in honor of Wanda.

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SW

Stacey Westphal lit a candle in honor of Wanda.

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PR

Patti Slavin Richmond lit a candle in honor of Wanda.

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