



# Sara Lee "Sassy" Morlan

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**S**ara Lee "Sassy" Morlan, 85 of Albuquerque, NM passed away on Thursday, April 9, 2020, at the BeeHive Assisted Living Facility.

Sara was born to Everett and Etha Morlan on December 11, 1934 in Confidence, Iowa. As a child, she excelled in school and graduated from Corydon high school in 1951. She went on to earn a degree in Nursing from Lutheran School of Nursing in Des Moines, Iowa.

She started her Nursing Career in Denver, Colorado at Denver General Hospital working with some of the pioneers in the field of heart surgery. While in Denver she loved the mountains, hiking, skiing and her cabin. She was a Surgical Nurse and her career brought her to Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque where she was part of the team responsible for Presbyterians' first heart transplant.

Sara spent most of her adult life in Albuquerque. Sara enjoyed much in her lifetime, love for cats, cooking, farming, traveling the world, reading, volunteering, trips to the zoo, hiking, Master Gardner, visits to Iowa but most near and dear to her were her friends, family and her wonderful furry friends Sidney, WC, Patitas, Panda and MC!

Sara was preceded in death by her father, Everett Morlan (1961), her mother, Etha Morlan (1980) and her twin sister Margie (1934). She is survived by her sister, Linda Ann (Morlan) LaFoy, Nephew Jeff LaFoy (Amy), Niece Jeni LaFoy (Bruce Albright) and Niece Jill Maas (David); Great Niece Jennifer, Great Nephews Jake, J.J. and Connor.

After much thought and careful consideration among friends and family, we have decided to have a Service and Celebration of Life at a future date, when it is safe and permitted to do so. She will be buried in Confidence cemetery near her family.

Condolences may be shared at [www.thomasfh.com](http://www.thomasfh.com). In lieu of flowers, we ask for prayers for her friends and family. If you are wanting to do any type of donation in Sara's memory, we would



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recommend any of the following: New Providence Baptist Church at 3254 Highway J18 Melrose, Iowa 52569, Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, Kanab, Utah [www.bestfriends.org](http://www.bestfriends.org) or Morris Animal Fund located in Englewood, Colorado. [www.morrisanimalfoundation.org](http://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org) which were all important to her.

Sara deeply touched the lives of so many and will be missed by all. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Sara Lee "Sassy" Morlan please visit our Sympathy Store. Events Details are pending. Cemetery Details Confidence Cemetery Confidence, IA



## Tribute Wall

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 12:44 PM



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



October 13 at 1:23 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Rose Rowan is following this tribute.

May 11 at 7:00 PM



**Jill Lafoy** posted:

Nancy, thank you so much for your beautiful tribute and memories of Aunt Sassy. She looked forward to your birthday celebrations each and every year. We still have many of the children's books. ) Jill

May 4 at 7:00 PM



**Jill Lafoy** posted:

Nan - words can't describe what you and your family meant to Aunt Sassy. She was blessed to have you as a friend. Jill

May 4 at 7:00 PM



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NR

**Nancy Rutland** posted:

I met Sara in the early 80s as we both loved books & I worked at a used bookstore, the Book Stop, in ABQ. I opened my own shop Bookworks in 1984 and Sara was a regular-she ordered cookbooks and children's books & when she travelled to her cabin or to see friends in CO or to cooking classes in Ireland and France, she would send a postcard & I would send one to her whenever I travelled. I was treated to a couple fabulous 3 course Sara-cooked birthday lunches, one she loaded into a red wagon which she pulled into the bio park so we could eat in the garden, and we began a tradition of meeting for each of our birthdays for a meal. I visited Sara on her birthday this past year as did many other of her friends. She still had that great wry sense of humor and we made each other laugh. Sara loved her Iowa farm & family and spoke of all of you often and adored being your Aunt Sassy. As each of Jeffrey (she always called you Jeffrey, never Jeff, and was immensely proud of you) & Amy's children was born, she glowed with joy. I heard reports on Jeni and Jill & of Thanksgiving feasts with family. I miss my friend, as we all do, and send heartfelt sympathy to all of Sara's family & her large circle of friends.

April 28 at 7:00 PM

SA

**Sandra** posted:

Sara and I became friends while working in the O.R. at U. Colorado Med. Center in Denver. She was a very accomplished scrub nurse. The summer of 1958 we, along with two of her nursing classmates, traveled thru Great Britain and Europe in a watermelon pink VW minivan making memories along the way. I spent a Thanksgiving with her and her family on the farm in Iowa and have shared her hospitality in Albuquerque where I met her furry friends and enjoyed her culinary skills. Though our lives took us to different locations, our friendship continued. I extend my sympathy to you, her family. She spoke of you often and held you close to her heart. I was blessed to call her Friend. Sandra Borders

April 26 at 7:00 PM

NZ

**Nan Zych** posted:

Sara is back home in her beloved state of Iowa. May she Rest In Peace. Her friends will miss her very much in Albuquerque

April 18 at 7:00 PM



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JL

**Jill Lafoy** posted:

Thank you for much for your kind words and friendship. It is a comfort hearing from friends and knowing the connection to Sara over the years. May you stay safe and healthy. Jill LaFoy (niece of Sara)

April 17 at 7:00 PM

KM

**Karen Mattly** posted:

Sending prayers of comfort to all of the family. I was a neighbor as a small child and continued the friendship of the family that my parents Leon and Opal Burns had had in Confidence. Continued friendship in Centerville. My brother Paul D. Burns went to school with Sara and Linda. My sympathy to all. Karen Kay Burns Mattly

April 13 at 7:00 PM



## Media

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