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Charlene Lee (VanNoy) Lamb, age 74 of Centerville, Iowa passed away Saturday, February 21, 2015 at home.

She was born to Homer and Pauline (Lee) VanNoy in Albia, Iowa on July 20, 1940.

Charlene graduated from Centerville High School in 1959.

Following high school graduation, she attended the Iowa School of Beauty in Ottumwa, Iowa. Charlene moved to Des Moines upon completion of beauty school. She spent many years working as a beauty operator in the Des Moines area.

While residing in Des Moines, Charlene met and eventually married Charles ""Chuck"" Lamb on December 19, 1965. Chuck and Charlene were living in Boone, Iowa when their only son, Mike, was born. Charlene survived a battle with breast cancer when Mike was an infant. She later moved back to Centerville and was employed with Job Service of Iowa for several years.

Later in life, Charlene was employed with the Don Elen Motel. Through her many years of work at the motel, Charlene developed a special relationship with Gene and Lillian Aldrich. In fact, Charlene developed a deep-rooted bond with many of her neighborhood friends near her East Franklin Street home in Centerville. She would often help with errands or house sit for neighbors while they were out of town. Over the years, Charlene felt a sense of purpose by providing care and assistance to her parents, as well as several friends and neighbors during times of need.

She cherished every moment she spent with family and friends, especially her granddaughter Megan. She was a doting grandmother to Megan; always quick to pull pictures out of her purse, or talk of their most recent after-school adventure or craft project. Charlene enjoyed genealogy, knitting, sewing, gardening (being outdoors in general), and being with her little dog Teddy.

She is survived by her son, Mike (Ronda) Lamb of Centerville, Iowa; granddaughter, Megan Lamb of Centerville, Iowa. Charlene is also survived by numerous cousins



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and dear friends.

Charlene was preceded in death by her parents; and her former husband, Chuck Lamb.

Funeral services will be held at 11 AM, Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory in Centerville with Reverend Lloyd Johnston officiating. Interment will follow in the Haines Cemetery, north of Centerville. A visitation will be held on Tuesday at Lange Funeral Home from 10 AM-8 PM, with the family greeting friends from 6-8 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established to either the Appanoose County Historical Society or to the Drake Public Library and may be sent to Lange Funeral Home, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa, 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.langefh.com.

Visitation

February 24, 2015 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Lange Funeral Home 1900 S. 18th St. Centerville, IA (641) 856-2000

Funeral Service

February 25, 2015 11:00 AM

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 2:48 PM



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



October 13 at 2:51 PM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry for your loss Mike. Met you mother many years ago when my folks were running around with Homer and Pauline. Posted by Paul Witt - Centerville, IA - friend February 27, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mike I am sorry to read of the passing of your mother, May God watch over you and your family. Brian Harrington Posted by Brian K Harrington - Dallas, TX - classmate of Mike Lamb February 25, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We lived next door to Charlene for 30 years. She was a good friend, neighbor and always willing to care for our boys whenever I asked. Mike was a good friend to our son, Eric. We always enjoyed listening to Homers stories. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mike, Rhonda, and Megan at this difficult. Charlene was always so proud of Mike and I'm sure she was equally proud of Rhonda and Megan. Posted by Steve and Dena Jonesf - Iowa City, IA - friends February 24, 2015

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Anonymous posted:

We are saddened to hear of the passing of your mother. Our deepest condolences are with you as you grieve. We are thinking of you with heavy hearts and keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Posted by Howard & Vanette Prtichett February 24, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Charlene and Jim were cousins. Charlene and I worked for Max Harriman's in Des Moines. Charlene , Virginia and I lived together. We were good friends and shared many happy times. Charlene was a very nice caring person. Jim and I share your sadness .We know she will be missed. Our deepest sympathy, Jim and Lynne VanNoy Posted by Jim and Lynne VanNoy - Wilkesboro, NC - Jim and Charlene were cousins February 23, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sorry to learn of Charlene's passing. Charlene was a wonderful neighbor to those in her neighborhood. Always willing to help. She will be dearly missed. She loved all of you and had a special love and relationship with her precious granddaughter. God Bless you all at this sad time. May your happy memories comfort you. Sincerely, Roger and Sandy Griffing Posted by Roger and Sandy Griffing - Centerville, IA - Friend February 23, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so very sad about this. Mike and Rhonda, I'll be thinking about you on Wednesday morning, wishing I could attend. Love to all of you. Posted by Angi Parks - Indianapolis, IN - cousin February 23, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry. Hugs and prayers to all of you! Heather McKelvey & family Posted by Heather McKelvey - Ottumwa, IA - family February 23, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

So sorry for your loss. Charlene was such a sweet lady! Posted by Vicki Rulo February 23, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I just wanted to say how sorry I am Mike of the loss of your mom. I worked with your mom at Don Elen for a number of years and remained friends after I quit, I will miss seeing her out and about her smile and her laughter . Once again so sorry Posted by Lorrie Clemens - Centerville, IA - Friend February 22, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sorry for your loss Mike, our thoughts are with you. Posted by Barb & Ronnie Milburn - Rathbun, IA - Great Aunt and Uncle February 22, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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