



Roberta Jean Exline

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Roberta Jean Exline, age 84 of Mystic, Iowa, passed away Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Oakwood Nursing and Rehab Center in Albia, Iowa.

She was born on June 24, 1932 in Centerville, Iowa, the daughter of Basil Franklin and Gurneth Ida (Speak) Tade. Roberta was united in marriage to Dan Exline in Kansas City, Missouri, on October 11, 1952. To their union of marriage, the couple were blessed with four children, Lisa, Julie, Regina, and Lana.

Upon her completion of schooling, Roberta began a career in the field of education as a school teacher. She first taught music, as well as other academic disciplines, in the public school system. Roberta eventually made a transition to the private sector of education when she established The Learning Tree Preschool in Centerville. She owned and operated the preschool for nearly thirty years.

It should be noted that Roberta possessed a passion for performance, and teaching others throughout her lifetime, even before she received a formal teaching education. In fact, in her early teen years, she began teaching music lessons. Roberta was driven to teach others both vocal and piano lessons for many decades.

Roberta also enjoyed playing in the well-established music band, 'The Exline Family.' With its inception in the early 1970s, The Exline Family band has played many genres of music for many years, including folk, bluegrass, country, and contemporary Christian.

She also enjoyed many family and church activities. A devout member of the Faith United Methodist Church in Centerville, Roberta enjoyed playing keyboard for the church, serving on various commissions, and participating in studies and prayer groups.

Roberta is survived by her four children, Lisa Wallace of Osceola, Iowa; Julie (Jim) Garrels of Bloomfield, Iowa; Regina Gooden of Centerville, Iowa, and Lana (Richard) Exline-Byrd of Nevada, Iowa; twelve grandchildren; twenty-five great grandchildren;



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one niece; one nephew; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dan Exline; a sister, Arlene Bradley; a son-in-law, Charlie Wallace; and her in-laws.

Funeral services will be held at 11 AM, Monday, March 20, 2017 at the Faith United Methodist Church in Centerville with Pastor Cindy Finn officiating. Burial will follow in the Oakland Cemetery in Centerville. A visitation will take place on Monday, March 20, 2017 at Faith United Methodist Church, with the family greeting friends from 9-11 AM. Memorials have been established to the Faith United Methodist Church of Centerville and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa, 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.langefh.com.

Visitation

2017-03-20 09:00:00

11:00:00

Faith United Methodist Church

2385 Hwy 5 South

Centerville

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 3:06 PM



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

October 13 at 3:34 PM



Margery, Matthew, And Marilyn (Ewing Family) posted:

She will be greatly missed. Our condolences to the family. Margery, Matthew, and Marilyn (Ewing)

March 30 at 7:00 PM



Margery Davison lit a candle in honor of Roberta.

Lit a candle in memory of Roberta Jean Exline

March 30 at 7:00 PM



Marilyn Barber posted:

So sorry to hear of Roberta's passing. She was such a lovely and talented person in so many ways. May God comfort all of you at this time and may the many memories you have be a blessing to you. She will be greatly missed by many. Marilyn

March 19 at 7:00 PM



Carolyn Peacock posted:

So sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. Condolences to all of the family. She was a person that will never be forgotten. God bless.

March 18 at 7:00 PM



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NE

Natalie Carpenter Essary posted:

Another classmate gone (CHS '50). Roberta was a special person in the lives of those of us who had the pleasure of spending our growing up years together. We had a lot of fun and Roberta was such a talented, kind and caring person that I admired her very much. My condolences to her family and friends.

March 17 at 7:00 PM

KF

Kristin Freed posted:

My heart goes out to all of you at this time. Roberta will be greatly missed by all yet remembered by us all. I can hear her playing and singing as I write. I love her and I love her family. With love and deepest sympathy, Cousin Kristin

March 17 at 7:00 PM

LN

Lise Nelson posted:

I remember Roberta, and family coming to our musicals at Fox Valley to play for them! What a lifesaver AND true musicians! She was a wonderful person and so patient with us! I think she put up with a lot with us and our musicals! But they turned out great! I was so saddened to see Roberta had passed away. My sincere condolences to the family.

March 16 at 7:00 PM

ES

Expression Of Sympathy posted:

A Spathiphyllum was ordered on March 17, 2017

March 16 at 7:00 PM

SJ

Steph Johnson posted:

As a friend of Lana's, I have had the joy of getting to know her family through the wonderful stories she has shared. I pray my own girls speak so highly of me as Lana does her mom. Our world has lost an amazing woman, someone who has touched many lives and left a remarkable legacy. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. The angels are always near to those who are grieving, to whisper to them that their loved ones are safe in the hands of God.

March 14 at 7:00 PM



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LB

Louise Blew posted:

My heart goes out to the family and all who knew Roberta. She was truly a child of GOD - truly very special to all of us. She will be missed. Cousin, Louise Blew

March 14 at 7:00 PM

VO

Vanessia Oden posted:

Mrs. Exline was my vocal music instructor. I was in awe of her musical talent and how she could get you to go beyond what you thought possible in all of those vocal exercises! She was one classy, strong, faith-based woman who was a role model to so many. I appreciate all that she and Dan and their children gave to our community in terms of their musical talents. Prayers in your time of sorrow.

March 14 at 7:00 PM

KR

Kristina posted:

My heart goes out to the family and friends. Though there may be little that can be said or done to ease your pain, may you find comfort in knowing that many care and sympathize with your sadness. Always know that God is with you to strengthen and guide you. May his promise of a resurrection bring you peace. Acts 24:15

March 14 at 7:00 PM

ES

Expression Of Sympathy posted:

A Spathiphyllum was sent on March 15, 2017 Our sincere sympathies to you and your family. From the TPI QC Department

March 14 at 7:00 PM

CC

Christy Barker Wiley, Caitlin And Colton lit a candle in honor of Roberta.

Lit a candle in memory of Roberta Jean Exline

March 14 at 7:00 PM





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JB

Jean Beeler posted:

I am so thankful I got to know Roberta after our move to Centerville. I knew we were related, but it wasn't until then that we got to know each other. I enjoyed her wit and her talent and count it blessing to have been able to sing with her and some of her girls. What joy to know we will sing together in Heaven! My love to all the family. I know her vibrant personality will be sorely missed. God bless.

March 13 at 7:00 PM

BK

Barbara King posted:

Another classmate has left us for a better place with our Lord and Master. I remember back in high school when she drove her Dad's car to pickup a group of friends to get to school, and we all chipped in 25cents to help pay for the gas, what wonderful memories I have, last time I saw her was at our 65th class reunion, but she left early due to a migraine headache, perhaps the start of her illness. She will be missed not only by friends but her family as well. May the family find comfort knowing she is in good hands with the Lord.

March 13 at 7:00 PM

ES

Expression Of Sympathy posted:

A Grandma's Garden Table Basket was ordered on March 14, 2017

March 13 at 7:00 PM

NF

Nina Finch posted:

Mrs Exline was my son's first teacher at preschool, at Lakeview school and later at her own building. She also attempted to teach my youngest voice lessons!. I'll never forget her attention to each, both posing different challenges. Zach and Zeth grew up to be successful in their own unique ways and I like to think Roberta contributed to that success. She will be remembered fondly...

March 13 at 7:00 PM

FT

Foncey Jennings Taylor posted:

Another one of friends from 4th grade on has passed. The last time I saw her was at our 60th (I think) H. S. reunion, but I've often thought about her. Please accept my condolences. oncey

March 13 at 7:00 PM



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DF

Deena (Tade) Fowler posted:

Thoughts and prayers are with the family. Have many happy memories of Roberta and family reunions.

March 13 at 7:00 PM

SS

Shannon Spears posted:

This broke my heart. Mrs. Exline was an amazing person. She was my preschool teacher and my daughter was blessed to have her for 2 years as a preschool teacher. Mrs. Exline is the reason I got into teaching and was the reason I never gave up on my students. I hope one day I can be an amazing teacher like she was and touch as many lives as she has. RIP Mrs. Exline you will truly be missed. 😭

March 12 at 7:00 PM

RH

Rev. Dave & Dorothy Higdon posted:

Thoughts and prayers to the family. They added much to the years that we were in Centerville as pastor & wife for Faith United parish.

March 12 at 7:00 PM

JA

Jason Allen posted:

This wonderful woman touched so many lives, mine included. She's playing the upright bass in a different band now. My most sincere condolences to the family. She will truly be missed here.

March 12 at 7:00 PM

SW

Stacy Watts posted:

I was a student of Mrs. Exline learning tree preschool! I have fond memories of that time. It was nearly 12-13 years later, I come back to learning tree as high school student to help the preschoolers! It was just as I remembered, and Mrs. Exline was the same delightful person as she was when I was 4. Thoughts and comfort to the family!

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TF

Teri And Ed Dickinson Family posted:

Our lives have been blessed in knowing Roberta and her family. We are so sorry for the loss to the Exline family. We have good memories.

March 12 at 7:00 PM

RG

Roger And Sandy Griffing posted:

Our prayers are with you all. Roberta was a pleasure to know. She loved God, Music and her special family. She will be missed, but she has left a lasting legacy. Blessings to you all. Roger and Sandy Griffing, Centerville

March 12 at 7:00 PM

TC

Tammy Curtis posted:

My sincere condolences to the family

March 12 at 7:00 PM

RL

Roger And Nancy Lucas posted:

Lisa, Gina, Julie, Lana and families...we were so sad to hear about your Mom's passing! So many, many happy bluegrass memories! She was always smiling and so much fun to visit with! Please know our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time! Much love, Roger and Nancy Wilson Lucas

March 12 at 7:00 PM

DL

Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson posted:

Dear Family, With Our Deepest Sympathy that someone so special to you will never be forgotten. The happy times you could never regret and the memories that will live on forever. May your loving memories give you peace.

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HM

Henry Moritz posted:

Roberta taught me to play the piano, a life-long skill that has enriched my life. I recall the many hours we spent together -- the joy she took in it, as well as the several instances of frustration she experienced. The fact that she largely succeeded is no mean feat, as many of my childhood teachers would likely attest to. Roberta was an influential cultural presence in our church and community as well. Music, plays, programs -- entertaining, yet formative and instructive. She could be imperious, yet when she got tickled she could let loose with a full-body laugh and her eyes sparkled. My world was a better place because of Roberta Exline. I wish all of her family and others touched by Roberta my deepest condolences and comfort in the fondest memories of what she meant to them.

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SS

Shannon Spears lit a candle in honor of Roberta.

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Sheila Stone lit a candle in honor of Roberta.

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MA

Marcia lit a candle in honor of Roberta.

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NT

Nellie Thomas lit a candle in honor of Roberta.

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VR

Vicki Rexroat posted:

What a wonderful woman, teacher. Condolences to the family.

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WW

Winona Lawson Whitaker posted:

My sincere condolences to the family.

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Media

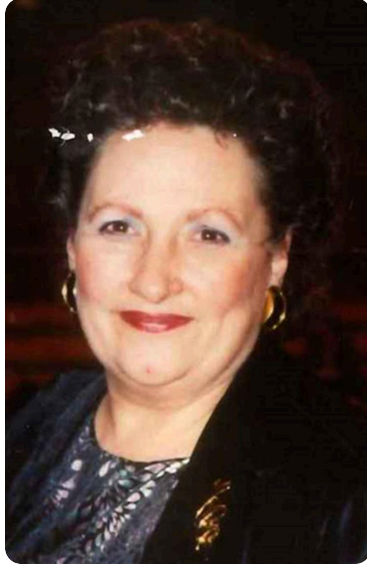
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