



# Jeralee McCarty

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**J**eralee O'Dell McCarty, 67 completed her circle of life on 03-12-23 after a long battle of end stage COPD. Jeralee was born on July 2nd, 1955, the first and only child born to Jerald (Digger) O'Dell and Mary Jo (Watts) O'Dell in Corydon, Iowa. She was the second baby born at the newly constructed Wayne County Hospital.

Jeralee was known to many as Jeebs, while growing up in Corydon. She attended school at Wayne Community High School graduating in 1973. While attending high school one of her biggest tormentors, ultimately ended up to be her best friend, and soul mate, her husband John. They were married on November 24th, 1974. To this union 2 children were born. Jeremy John was born August 27th, 1976 and Jennifer Marie joined her brother on February 14th, 1979.

From 1968 to 1971, Jeralee was a candy striper at the Wayne County Hospital, which ultimately led her to a lifelong passion for nursing. After working for the Wayne Community Hospital from 1968-1985, she decided it was her calling to go back to school to obtain her nursing degree. She then went on to Grand View College, where she obtained her BSN (Bachelors of Nursing) degree. Graduating from college in 1989, she went back to the Wayne County Hospital, until her retirement in 2020.

During these years she also worked at the Wayne Family Clinic (now South Central Iowa Medical Clinic), as the school nurse in the Wayne Elementary, and was also the Director/RN at Murphy Place, all while still working at the hospital.

Jeralee spent over 50 years caring and working for those in her community. She took so much pride in helping others through her work and giving back to mankind.

Jeralee enjoyed cooking and baking when she was not helping others. Her homemade pies and crust was known to many. Jeralee love spending time with her family, friends, but especially making memories with her grandkids. She was a member of PEO and Eastern Star.

Jeralee is survived by her husband Johnny; son Jeremy (Julie) McCarty; daughter



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Jennifer (Mitch) Cashatt; grandchildren Estelle Cashatt, Ireland Cashatt, Boone Cashatt; stepsister Celine McMurry; niece Kelsey Noll; bonus sister Lee Ann Peck and her kids Matthew Peck, Erin (Tate) Stansbery, Wade Peck; her beloved dogs Annie and Robee; along with many extended family members and friends.

Jeralee is preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30AM on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Thomas Funeral Home- Corydon with CJ McMurry officiating. Interment will follow the service at Corydon Cemetery. Visitation will take place on Friday, March 17, 2023 with the family greeting friends from 5-7PM at Thomas Funeral Home Corydon, Memorials have been established to Every Step Hospice, and may be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home, ATTN: Jeralee McCarty, 303 East Jefferson Street, PO BOX 294, Corydon, and Iowa 50060. Condolences may be shared online or on our funeral home Facebook page.

Jeralee's service will be live streamed at <https://my.gather.app/remember/jeralee-mccarty>



# Tribute Wall

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 4:25 PM



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



March 14 at 7:00 PM



**Vivian Davis** posted:

Jeralee and I sat at another funeral and visited about life. She's one of the sweetest gals, I know. What a full life she had and gave to so many to make there's better. A very selfless person. She will be greatly missed.

March 19 at 7:00 PM



**Hazel Nash** posted:

Jeralee and I were both in the class of 73. Although we never really connected until we were back door neighbors; our kids were back door buddies. Life took us in different directions. We were reunited as Jeralee's health declined. I would visit her in the hospital and we would pray the rosary together. Jeralee was such a kind soul. Prayers for John, Jeremy, Jennifer and their family.

March 17 at 7:00 PM



**Rachael** posted:

Jeralee was one of a kind. She was always caring and helping others, put them ahead of herself. She has been a wonderful part of our lives!! She will be missed by many but I rejoice for her as she is now in her forever home with Jesus. Love you Nana Jeebs

March 17 at 7:00 PM



**Shirley Morlan** posted:

So sorry, family are in my thoughts and prayers.

March 17 at 7:00 PM



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LG

**Linda Grismore** posted:

Jeralee, you were one of the kindest souls! Such fond memories of our younger days and friendship throughout the years. When my mom passed away you sent the most beautiful card that had such beautifully written words from the heart by you, you had a beautiful way with words. RIP my friend ❤️

March 17 at 7:00 PM

BM

**Bonnie Craig And Echo Mcmurry** lit a candle in honor of Jeralee.

We are sorry

March 17 at 7:00 PM



CO

**Connie Vandyne. Brees Class Of 73** lit a candle in honor of Jeralee.

Sorry for your lost Heart and Hugs to all of you

March 17 at 7:00 PM



CM

**Celine Mcmurry** posted:

Will always love you sister. Love you to the moon and back. Always in my pocket by my heart .Neverfotten. My Angel now. ❤️❤️

March 17 at 7:00 PM

NO

**Nancy Hysell Ondrashek** lit a candle in honor of Jeralee.

RIP Jeralee, many fond memories. My thoughts and prayers for John, Jeremy and Jennifer.

March 16 at 7:00 PM



DS

**Diane And Mike Schroeder** lit a candle in honor of Jeralee.

So sad to know of this great lady's passing. She was a sweetheart who added light to the darkness of so many lives. May God give her family comfort in these difficult days.

March 16 at 7:00 PM





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**Anonymous** posted:

Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

March 16 at 7:00 PM



**Joanne Van Dyne** posted:

I will always remember Jeralee's kind words of comfort whenever my family members were hospitalized here, there were several thru the years. God Bless her and may she rest in peace.

March 16 at 7:00 PM



**Janice And Bob Shelton** posted:

So sorry to hear of Jeralee's passing. We were both in the class of 73. She was a very caring and great nurse. She always had a smile on her face. I remember when my dad was in the hospital she took great care of him, but what made his day was when he gave her crap she dished it right back. Rest in peace.

March 16 at 7:00 PM



**Betty Brouse/Amolsch, Kit And Family** posted:

Jeralee was a year behind me in high-school. Her husband John is my stepfather's brother, so they have been part of our family all these years. I had not seen them since my mother passed, but I always made sure to send them a card at Christmas, just to let them know we loved and missed them. My heart hurts for John, Jennifer and Jeremy. I pray for their comfort and strength dealing with their loss. Rest in peace sweet Jeralee.

March 16 at 7:00 PM



**Denise Sheston** posted:

Jeralee was the first person I met when I worked at WCH. She was a wonderful, kind nurse, and we had many fun conversations at lunch. I will keep her family in my prayers. Denise Sheston

March 15 at 7:00 PM



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JP

**Jeff And Becky Piercy** posted:

So sorry to hear of Jeralee's passing, prayers for the family during this difficult time.

March 15 at 7:00 PM

JM

**Joyce Milner** posted:

Numbers 6:24-26 The Lord bless you and keep you~Always remembering your caring and kindness 💜

March 15 at 7:00 PM

KC

**Kent And Barbara Chambers** posted:

One of my favorite things about Aunt Jeralee was her smile! Her laughter was contagious and she was always fun to be around. She was loved dearly by my mother, Jerene (Jean) McCarty and was more like a big sister to me than an Aunt. I always tried to get a hug from her and Uncle John whenever I was in Iowa. My prayers go out for all of you. I know that she is sorely missed. Love from Barbara Brouse/Chambers, Kent and our family ❤️

March 15 at 7:00 PM

RA

**Rita Arnold** lit a candle in honor of Jeralee.



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DF

**Doug & Evelyn Watts & Family** posted:

We are saddened by the loss of our cousin Jeralee and will miss her. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

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LG

**Love, Justin, Maggie, Kael, Carter And Lyza Girl** posted:

Our deepest sympathies, & sending love to you all.

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GF

**Glenna Fleming** posted:

We never did hook up but we talked! Will miss you.. take care..breathe easy!!

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CR

**Carolyn Rodish** lit a candle in honor of Jeralee.

Jeralee & I were classmates/friends thru high school & hung out together, usually chasing boys in Russell. She also played matchmaker with me & my first husband. Thru the years since, we lost touch, but loved catching up whenever we would bump into each other. She will always be remembered as a Wonderful Friend & Special Lady! You are now at Peace Dear Friend!



March 15 at 7:00 PM

KC

**Kelly Starchevich Culver** posted:

Sending thoughts and prayers to family and friends. Jeralee was a great lady. You will be missed.

March 15 at 7:00 PM

DD

**Deb Drew** posted:

RIP sweet lady. Sending prayers to the family

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JC

**Jimmy & Celeste Clark** posted:

Deepest condolences to the family.Our prayers for God's grace to you all.

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AW

**Anita Wells** posted:

Our sympathy and prayers for the family.🙏 She was a help to so many.

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MB

**Mike N Brenda Beckner** posted:

Condolences to Jeralee's family at this sad time. She was a sweet and helpful friend and caregiver.

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RA

**Rita Arnold** posted:

We are so sorry to hear of Jeralee's passing. Please know that you are all in our thoughts & prayers. What a great lady.

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DK

**Dreama Klaiber** posted:

What a wonderful lady she was! An Excellent caregiver, with a heart of gold. Jeralee will be greatly missed! Our condolences to the family, Jason and Dreama Klaiber

March 15 at 7:00 PM

JM

**Jeff Mccarty** posted:

Jeralee was such a kind woman. She took me in as a troubled teen and was not only my aunt but became my friend. I will always be grateful in my heart for what Jeralee and uncle John did for me. Jeff McCarty

March 15 at 7:00 PM

SN

**Sandy Nab** posted:

Sending prayers for the family and friends

March 15 at 7:00 PM

LF

**Love, Pat, Ann, Nick, Chelsie, Steve, Michelle Weber Family** posted:

Our thoughts and Prayers are with you. Love you!

March 14 at 7:00 PM



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CI

**Cathi Ingersoll** posted:

Jeralee, you will be in our hearts forever. On behalf of the Rynor/Maxwell Family Cathi and Nick Ingersoll and Mark Ordway.

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KB

**Karla, Andie Sue, Logan And Kevin "Boyscout"** posted:

We love you Jeebs!

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T1

**The Class Of 1973** posted:

Prayers for Jeralee and her family.

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SM

**Steve And Kathy Mason** posted:

Our condolences to the family.

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EG

**Etta Grismore** posted:

RIP sweet Jeralee!

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SN

**Sandy Nab** posted:

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JS

**Jerry Smith** posted:

RIP LADY 🙏

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DW

**Denise Westphal** posted:

So sorry for your loss.

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JC

**Jerry Castor** posted:

our sympathy she was a great nurse. R.I.P

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WM

**Weston Mitchell** posted:

So sorry, sweet person.

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DB

**Deb Becker** posted:

What a wonderful lady!! Prayers for her family.

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DS

**Dee Slagg** posted:

Jeralee was an angel to many and holds a special place in my heart. Loved working with her at the Elementary. Will always remember her with fond memories. Prayers to the family until you meet again. Love to all from the Slagg family.

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NV

**Nila Veach** posted:

Jerald was a loving and caring lady. Prayers to her family. Buck and Nila Veach

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KC

**Kim Cobb** posted:

Sending our thoughts and prayers! Always enjoyed a good Jeralee visit. Kim and Jerry Cobb

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KW

**Kim Greenlee Weeks** posted:

Jeeb/ Jeebers was such a part of my growing up years. We would play school on the back sunporch at Grandma Marie's and Shuble's house. It was always fun with Jeeber on Northwest street. My thoughts, love and prayers to Jeeb's family. She was a KEEPER.

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SW

**Sondra Wolfe** posted:

Jeralee was a wonderful nurse and a beautiful person. So sorry for your loss.

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KH

**Katie Banks Hunt** posted:

Jeralee was one in a million. I had the privilege of working with her at WCH. She was smart, caring and always knew the right thing to say. She is an icon at the hospital just like Dr. Garber is--they both devoted so much of their time and their life to serve others. We never did win the Powerball jackpot pool, but Jeralee won the hearts of so many people which in the end is what it's all about. So sorry for your loss Johnny, Jeremy and Jennifer. Love you all.

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TS

**Twila Sumpter** posted:

She was a beautiful lady inside and out. Prayers for the family

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JK

**Jill Burke-King** posted:

Rest in peace sweet lady. You were a gem□□□□

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DM

**Donna Morgan** posted:

My sympathy & prayers John, Jeremy, Jennifer & families...R.I.P.

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JG

**Jenny Fortune-Gay** posted:

Prayers and thoughts to Jennifer and Jeremy. She was one great lady! Always had a smile to give.

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CI

**Cathi Ingersoll** posted:

Jeralee was my 2nd cousin and we would often spend family holidays together when we were young. As we got older she always went out of her way to attend our family's events - she was present at my wedding and my parents anniversary party. The last time I saw her was at my mother's (Norma Rynor Maxwell) funeral. Time goes by too fast and we didn't keep closely in contact but I have fond memories of visiting her, Jerry, and Aunt Marie when we were younger. My thoughts and prayers to John, Jeremy, and Jennifer. Cathi Maxwell Ingersoll

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CS

**Cindy Snider** posted:

I am so sorry.

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LH

**Lisa Corrine Hysell** posted:

Prayers! What a beautiful soul!

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SL

**Sharon Lafollette** posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss!

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**Kristy Sheriff** lit a candle in honor of Jeralee.

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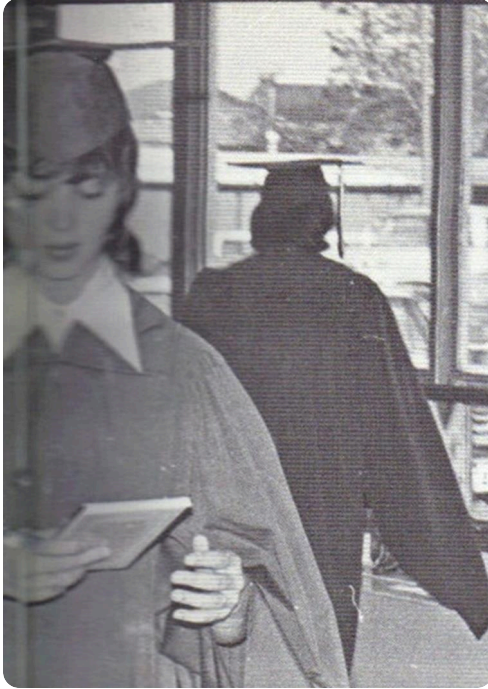


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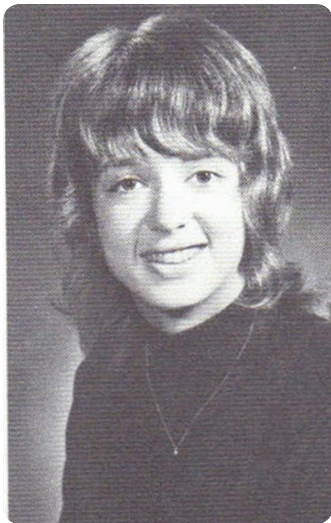
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Will always love you sister. Love you to the moon and back. Always in my pocket by my heart...





## **Memories only last if you share them**

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