



Patsey Carol (Clausen) Farrell

June 25, 1940 - September 28, 2020

Patsey Carol (Clausen) Farrell, 80, of Goose Lake, Iowa, passed away on Monday, September 28, 2020. She was born on June 25, 1940, in a farmhouse near Goose Lake to Harold and Effie (Jones) Clausen. She married Kenny Farrell on October 25, 1958 in Delmar, Iowa.

Patsey was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and aunt who enjoyed spending time with her family and had a knack for making each of them feel special in their own way. She readily shared her talents with her family, from sewing a Cowardly Lion costume for a school play or a T-shirt quilt to mark a graduation to decorating cakes for special occasions. She loved to be outdoors whether it was taking care of her lawn and garden or hiking with her family in the mountains of Colorado.

Patsey enjoyed history, reading, traveling, attending theater or movies with her friend Will, fixing up her 1970 Cutlass, and watching her children and grandchildren participate in their many activities. She was always up for adventure, and in 2018 trekked across Ireland, Germany, Austria, Italy, England and Wales on a family trip, pulling her suitcase across the canals of Venice and pushing her grandson's stroller through the streets of Liverpool. Her accordion and delicious desserts were a fixture at family gatherings.

Patsey was proud to be an Iowa farm girl with deep roots in Clinton and Jackson Counties. She attended the Deep Creek Valley one-room school and graduated from Goose Lake High School where she participated in softball and six-on-six basketball, played the tuba in the school band, and was class valedictorian. After graduating high school and marrying Kenny, she moved into Goose Lake where she lived for 62 years supporting her community and the school.

Patsey was known in her community as generous and service oriented.

Patsey was a member of Assumption Catholic Church in Charlotte where she taught religious education for 20 years. She volunteered her talent and time in her community by serving on the Goose Lake City Council for 26 years, the Clinton County Landfill

Committee, the Maquoketa River Watershed Management Authority, Friends of Jackson County Conservation, Clinton County Historical Society, and coaching Little League. She worked at Goose Lake Savings Bank, Clinton National Bank, and was dedicated in her position as a secretary to the superintendent at Northeast Community School District for over 30 years.

She is dearly missed by her children Karlen (Kevin) Uhde of Hiawatha, Iowa; Kevin (Anne) Farrell of Davenport, Iowa; Carol (John) Kerr of Winona, Minnesota; Brian (Sara) Farrell of Toddville, Iowa; her grandchildren Koreen, Owen, Kaitlyn, Alie, Tom, Ben, Bead, Hart, Norah, and Rowan; her great-grandchildren Kei, Malcolm, Roslyn, and Nina; her sisters Fern Ackermann, Peggy Stevens, Judy (Lynn) Soenksen and Charlotte (Curt) Pefferman; and many other loving in-laws, nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband Kenny; her parents; and her brother Richard Clausen.

Patsey was always thinking of others. In keeping with her wishes to avoid risk to anyone's health, services at this time will be private. Her children look forward to celebrating her life with friends and family at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, Patsey's family welcomes contributions to support causes dear to her heart, such as the Goose Lake City Park and Camp Courageous. Checks made to "Patsey Farrell Memorial" and/or condolences can be mailed to the Farrell Family, PO Box 33, Goose Lake, Iowa 52750.

Comments



“ I wish we had pictures to share, but I just wanted to share that we are still remembering and missing Patsey here in our house. Aunt Patsey was always loving and kind to me and my family. I always felt welcomed into her home because she was a gracious hostess and made everyone feel welcomed and special. When you were with her she wanted to know everything she could about your life and especially the joys of your life. To honor Patsey I will make it a special point to celebrate the joys of not only my life but those whom I love.

John Kennedy-Farrell - October 26 at 09:12 AM



“ Lewis Marx lit a candle in memory of Patsey Carol (Clausen) Farrell



Lewis Marx - October 16 at 10:48 AM



“ Dear Kevin. Sincerest sympathies to you on the death of your mother Patsey. May she rest in peace. You were very kind to me while I was visiting SAU in 2014-15, especially with my back troubles. I wanted to reach out to you at this time of loss.
FrConn

FrConn - October 16 at 03:17 AM



“ I'm so very sorry for your loss.

Carol DeVolder - October 14 at 12:28 PM



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brfarrell - October 01 at 11:45 PM



“ My favorite adventure partner She showed me how to love the mountains



Alie Farrell - October 01 at 11:22 PM



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Owen Farrell - October 01 at 11:19 PM



“ Prayers go out to the family. Patsey was so kind and one of my favorite faces to see at her time with Northeast.



Abby Roling - October 01 at 09:59 PM



“ I'll never forget how kind, caring, generous, and helpful Patsey was to me as a new teacher years ago at Northeast. Sending sympathy to her family.

Mary Kay Wirth - October 01 at 06:05 PM



“ Sorry to read of the passing of Patsy.....her passing brought back many memories of high school days at Goose Lake. I will always have fond memories of her.
Russ Dohrmann

Russ Dohrmann - October 01 at 05:10 PM



“ Patsey was such a kind and sweet person. I loved talking to her at school. Prayers and sympathy to the family.

Paul & Barb Trenkamp - October 01 at 02:10 PM



“ Brian and family, I am so sorry for your loss. She was always so kind and I enjoyed talking to her about how our families were doing whenever I saw here down at the elementary school. She will be missed.



Cory Dann - October 01 at 08:44 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss! Patsey was an inspiration to us all - her energy, her sense of adventure, her good common sense. Truly a loss for our community - our sincere sympathy!

Karin Harmsen - October 01 at 01:47 PM



“ Patsy was just the kindest, most caring person. Always willing to help! Do sorry for your loss

nancy - October 01 at 02:09 PM



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brfarrell - September 30 at 09:33 PM



“ Penny Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Patsey Carol (Clausen) Farrell



Penny Sullivan - September 30 at 04:37 PM



“ Patsey lived life fully engaged. She befriended me and we rode our bikes north of Preston. I am sad for myself that I won't be able to go visit her again. It has been 14 years since I left Goose Lake. Last time I saw her was at Viola Gibson when she dropped off a grandchild for school. But, if there is a small hole in my heart, there is a huge hole for you family members. You will miss her so much. May God bless you with peace to know that she loved and was loved by many. Barb King Thumma, teacher at the elementary from 2000-2006.

Barb Thumma - September 30 at 04:25 PM