



Joretta Harms

October 26, 1942 - March 7, 2022

Joretta Harms, died Monday, March 7, 2022, at her Lennox, SD, home, under hospice care, surrounded by her family.

Joretta Ann Heien was born on October 26, 1942, in Le Mars, IA, the daughter of John Michael and Virginia Mae (Brown) Heien. She grew and attended school in the Merrill and Le Mars, IA area and then graduated from Lennox High School in 1964. Joretta worked for the Lennox Good Samaritan Center for over 37 years, starting out as a Certified Nursing Assistant, then as Activities Director and finally as a Social Worker.

On June 10, 1960 she was united in marriage to Norman H. Blackmore at the St. John American Lutheran Church, Merrill, IA. The couple lived in Sioux City, IA and then moved to Lennox, SD in 1962. Three daughters were born to this union. Husband, Norman died on August 27, 1999. On October 2, 2005 she was united in marriage to Raymond Harms at the First English Lutheran Church, Lennox. The couple made their home in Chancellor and Davis before moving into Lennox in 2012. Husband, Raymond died on October 6, 2019. Joretta continued to make her home in Lennox.

Joretta had been a member of the First English Lutheran Church, Lennox where she served on the church council, taught Sunday school and attended Bible studies. She later joined the Chancellor Reformed Church and became active in the Dorcas Circle and Women of Purpose. She was also a member of the Chancellor American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed reading, cooking, baking and travel. Most of all she deeply loved her family.

Besides her parents and husbands, Joretta was preceded in death one daughter, Linda Dean on June 5, 2010 and three brothers: Donald Heien, James Heien and John Heien.

Grateful for having shared her life are her daughters:: Nancy (Gene) Isom, Neosho, MO and Amy (Bill) Meyer, Odessa, FL; special granddaughter, Jessica Ault, Canton; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; siblings: Robert Heien, Sioux City, IA and Sheryl (Darrell) Hansen, Hinton, IA; sisters-in-law, Mary Crippen and Viola Blackmore, both of Merrill, IA, as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 11 at Chancellor Reformed Church, Chancellor, SD with burial to follow at the Merrill Hillside Cemetery, Merrill, IA at approximately 1:30 p.m. . Visitation also at Chancellor Reformed Church, with the family present, will be 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday.

Tribute Wall

KS

“ *My prayers and thoughts to the family.*

Ken Schmid - March 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ *Deepest sympathy to Joretta’s family*



Kathy Nguyen - March 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers and thoughts to the entire family. She was the most amazing woman I ever met. She made my whole family feel like apart of hers when she was the social work at the Lennox Good Sam when both my mother and grandmother were there. She will truly be missed by everyone whose lives she touched*

Miriah Roemmich - March 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *My deepest sympathies for the loss of Joretta. Prayers for the families.*

Kristy Albers - March 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ My sympathy to your family. We were friends for many years. Your mother took very good care of my grandmother in the '80s at the nursing home in Lennox. Then she married Ray who was our family's hired hand when I was growing up. She loved him and took such great care of him. Lastly, she always had time to visit with a person and make each individual feel so special. She will be missed but is with Ray and her Heavenly Father. Blessings Pat Boelman

Pat Boelman - March 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ There are no words for me to express what this loss is for our community! We love you Joretta! We will continue to pray for your family!! I have so many memories to cherish with you and your family. Perhaps the most special of all is when you went with my kids and me to visit my grandma's grave on the 1 year anniversary of her passing! Love to your whole family!!!



Ashley Hubregtse - March 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ We love you very much Grandma and I'll be forever grateful for the years we had together.

Love John and Jenny

John Schneiderman - March 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *My sympathies to you and your families. Big hugs and love. Your mom was an amazing person with so much compassion and love.*



Teresa Crippen - March 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Dear Family: You are in my thoughts and prayers in the loss of your special loved one*

Dr Janell Christiansen - March 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Joretta was such a good friend to my mom, Muriel through the years. I'm sorry to hear of her passing but I will be keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort knowing that others care.*

Debra (Minkel) Petersen - March 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM