



Jane Fitzgerald

January 29, 1942 - December 12, 2012

Mary Jane Irving Fitzgerald was born at home near Purdy, Iowa on January 29, 1942, the youngest of 11 children born to Walter and Nellie Lois (Askren) Irving. She attended Marion School until the fifth grade in 1952 at which time the family moved to Lucas County where she attended Fairview School until 1953. She attended Alma Clay Jr. High and then attended Chariton High School until the end of her sophomore year. She graduated from the American School of Chicago in home schooling. On July 13, 1958 she was united in marriage to Norman Levi Fitzgerald at the Belinda Christian Church. To this union 5 children were born: Norman (Lee), Tim, Keven, Kellie, and Corey. In 1974 they moved their family off of the family farm in rural Lucas County to Williamson, Iowa where she lived until her death. She and Norman loved to go dancing. They spent many Saturday nights traveling the surrounding counties to dance. She graduated from Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa as a L.P.N. in 1977. Jane worked at the Lucas County Health Center from 1974 until her retirement in 2004. After the death of her husband, Norman, she worked part time at the Chariton Nursing & Rehab Center and then at Chariton Floral, doing what she had always loved to do, until she was diagnosed with colon cancer in May of 2011. She also worked for Spurgeons Bakery in her earlier years. In the summer months you would find Jane outside attending to her many flowers. One special project she had was "The Memorial Garden" that she created when Norman passed away. In the last year and half her brother and sister-in-law; Sam & Donna Irving, helped her tend to her flowers. She also enjoyed sitting in the house and watching the birds. She had many bird feeders that she inherited when Norman passed away. True to Irving form she had many dogs through her life. After Pedro passed away she didn't think she wanted another dog, then she met Foxy and it was true love at first sight. Everyone, especially the grandkids, always looked forward to her homemade noodles. This year, the night before Thanksgiving, she showed her son-in-law, Alex her recipe. He will try to carry on the tradition. She really enjoyed baking at Christmas. She always made everyone's favorite cookie and bar. All five kids would get a box of her specialties every year, even if she had to ship them. Preceding her in death were her parents, husband, Norman; siblings: Dick, Bart, Bill, Jim, and Dave. Surviving are her children: Lee (Hannah) Fitzgerald, Tim (Darcy) Fitzgerald, Keven Fitzgerald, Kellie (Alex) Drake and Corey (Traci) Fitzgerald; 16

grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; siblings: Sam (Donna) Irving, Della (Floyd) Storm, Carl (Audrey) Irving, Violet Greenslade, and Veda Peterson; and her best friend, Foxy. Also surviving are many relatives and friends.

Comments



“ I am really going to miss our girls day out and all our fun adventures . Your smile and laugh will be forever in my heart .

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“ We worked together and we played together! I will always remember those days and times! We were not blood relatives but she always let me know she would and always will be Aunt Janie to me! Love always and forever!

Deborah Tjelmeland - December 14, 2012 at 01:42 PM