



Lavonna Sivill

February 6, 1933 - August 9, 2019

On August 9, Lavonna Jeanne (Freeman) Sivill, passed away with her family, in Boise, Idaho at the age of 86.

Lavonna was the youngest of eight children, born to Mary Isabelle “Belle” Landis and Jessie “Pearl” Freeman in Lacona, Iowa, February 6, 1933. She attended the one-room school house, where she met, and later married the love of her life, Walter Sivill. The two married February 11, 1953. Lavonna followed him in the service during the honeymoon years. They eventually settled in Chariton and started a family in 1955 with the birth of their son, Terry and added a second son, Gary in 1958.

Lavonna (and Walter) loved to go dancing, play cards, and socialize with friends and family. She was a very loving wife, mother, grandmother, and even great-grandmother. She filled her spare time baking several batches of cookies and pies per day. Lavonna’s cooking was exceptional. Anyone who stopped by the farm to visit was guaranteed to enjoy a cup of coffee and snack in addition to the always good conversation. Lavonna liked tending to her flowers/garden, playing the piano, and preferably winning a friendly game of cribbage.

Lavonna started her working career as an office administrator at Van Allen Elementary shortly after her boys started school. A few years later, she changed jobs and began working as the principal’s secretary at Columbus Elementary. There, she met longtime friend Jaynee Gilderbloom, “Miss G.” They would work together for many years after, shaping children’s lives in the community. It was not uncommon for former students to stop Lavonna on the street and thank her for her kindness, guidance, and the extra attention even years later. Lavonna sincerely treasured the wonderful people around her. Lavonna’s sister, Esther, said their relationship as indescribably special, saying “they were the two youngest and were both sisters and friends.” Her children and grandchildren appreciated everything she did for them. The grandchildren especially, benefitted from her spoiling, which included the famous homemade cookies, farm visits, ballgame cheering, and a magic closet bearing gifts.

Lavonna was preceded in death by her sweetheart, Walter Gerald Sivill, and son Gary Alan Sivill. She was survived by her son, Terry (Dianne) Sivill of Boise, ID, daughter in law Jayne Sivill, and sister Esther Maxine Walker of Albany, OR. Also surviving grandchildren: Katie (Corey & Child Henry) Heiser, Ryan (Elizabeth & Daughters Avery and Paisley) Sivill, Sarah (Joe) Hull, and Elizabeth (Trevor) Reger, Lewis (Carrie & Children Karst and Kennedy) Stoddard, and Grayson (Jen & Children Carter and Oakley) Stoddard.

Viewing will be held Friday, August 23rd from 5 to 7pm. Funeral services for Lavonna will be held Saturday, August 24th, 2019 at 10am at Pierschbacher Funeral Home in Chariton with interment at Mt. Zion Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in Lavonna's name to the Alzheimer's Association.

Cemetery

Events

Mt. Zion Cemetery

Lacona, IA,

AUG **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Pierschbacher Funeral Homes - Chariton
914 Roland Ave, Chariton, IA, US, 50049

AUG **Service** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Lavonna Sivill.



August 17 at 03:51 PM



“ Lavonna was always so willing to help and I enjoyed with working with her at Van Allen.

Nancy Baughman

Nancy A Baughman - August 17 at 12:49 PM



“ Sharon Welch lit a candle in memory of Lavonna Sivill



Sharon Welch - August 16 at 08:01 PM



“ Taught at Columbus School while LaVonna was secretary. She was always there to help in anyway she could. Enjoyed her friendship. Sorry for your loss.

Sharon Welch - August 16 at 08:04 PM



“ Jim And Diane Taylor lit a candle in memory of Lavonna Sivill



Jim and Diane Taylor - August 16 at 11:33 AM



“ Such a sweet lady. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Jim and Diane Taylor - August 16 at 11:51 AM



“ Loved taking care of her at Homestead. We both loved the true crime shows like Dateline and 48 Hours. (May have stayed a little longer in her room sometimes. Shh!) We both cried when family obligations made me go to PRN, instead of full time. She was one of the sweetest ladies I've ever known. So glad God blessed me with having her in my life!

Michelle Swainey - August 16 at 10:49 AM



“ Brenda Gillaspy lit a candle in memory of Lavonna Sivill



Brenda Gillaspy - August 16 at 10:31 AM



“ Aunt Lavonna was one of the funniest and kindest people that I ever met. I loved her laugh and her homemade chocolate pie! My time spent With her at the farmhouse as a child are memories that I will always hold dear in my heart.

susan Dawson - August 16 at 09:02 AM



“ Bruce&Terry Sellers lit a candle in memory of Lavonna Sivill





“ I have fond memories of her as the secretary at Columbus. She was a wonderful woman and so very kind. She always had a smile on her face and was a great help to my dad and the teachers.

Kristen Sydness - August 15 at 07:49 PM



“ Kristen Burkhalter Sydness

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“ Earl And Patty Cain lit a candle in memory of Lavonna Sivill



Earl and Patty Cain - August 15 at 05:39 PM



“ Such a sweet lady! Our condolences to the family!

Earl and Patty Cain - August 15 at 05:43 PM



“ Lavonna was my Great Aunt, and she was a great aunt. I have a lifetime of memories of her from the time I was little enough to remember to the present. We always did things together - Lavonna, Marion (my mom), Terry, Gary & I. And there were many holiday meals shared. Lavonna was one of the best cooks I know -- Walter used to tease her & always call her Betty Crocker, but I know that was also intended as a compliment. I am going to miss her but she will always be in my heart.



Crystal Johnson - August 15 at 04:25 PM