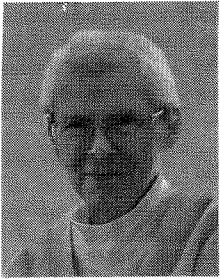


Norma Jean VanErsvelde



The Record, Thursday, Feb. 7, 2025

Oct. 8, 1939-Feb. 7, 2025

Norma Jean VanErsvelde, age 85 of Brooklyn, passed away Friday, Feb. 7, 2025, at her home, under Essence of Life Hospice. Funeral Mass was held Wednesday, Feb. 12, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Brooklyn, with Father Scott Foley officiating. Burial was held in Calvary Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to Camp Courageous in Norma's honor. Kloster Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Norma is survived by her children Diane (Roger) Formanek of Belle Plaine, Karol (Dan) Roller of Sigourney, and Angie (Curt) Kriegel of Hartwick; eight grandchildren, Mindy (Nate) Venz of Indianola, Haley (Pat) Ayers of Mitchellville, Kacie (Matt) McCahen of Hudson, Travis (Jen) Kriegel of Belle Plaine, Emily (Scott) Riedel of Hartwick, Cassidy (Dan) Arp of Traer, Megan (Ethan) Abbott of Lone Tree, Kelli Formanek of Victor; and 13 great-grandchildren, Grace, Logan, Harper, Kaden, Landin, Hunter, Van, Violet, Cael, Ava, Lexi, Austyn and Collins. Also surviving are sisters Betty Ellis of Grinnell, Vera Lull of Johnston, and Jan Kahue of Sacramento, CA.

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Norma Jean Gregory was born October 8, 1939, at her family home in rural Poweshiek County. She received her education in the Montezuma schools and graduated from Montezuma High School in 1957. Norma met the love of her life, Don VanErsvelde, at the roller-skating rink in Brooklyn. She and Don were married Nov. 30, 1957, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brooklyn. Norma devoted her life to caring for their son Danny, as well as working alongside Don on their farm. She found time to enjoy favorite pastimes, watching Iowa Basketball, Christmas movies, and game shows. She enjoyed doing the word search

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