



Claudia Charlene (Stewart) Farrell

September 1, 1949 - January 14, 2025

Claudia Charlene Farrell, age 75, of Buckner, MO, formerly of Albia, IA, passed away on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at her home.

Claudia was born on September 1, 1949, in Centerville, IA, to Paul and Elizabeth (Ewers) Stewart. She grew up attending school in Egypt School in Lovilia, graduating from Albia High School. She obtained her Dental Assistant Degree from Marshalltown Community College in 1969. She also took writing classes at Southwest Missouri State as well as Accounting classes at Arkansas State University. On March 18, 1978, she was united in marriage to Ron Farrell at the University Heights Baptist Church in Springfield, MO. Claudia and Ron were blessed with 46 years of marriage prior to her passing.

Claudia worked in insurance claims for Government Employee Health Association (GEHA) in the KC area for 25 years, retiring in 2008. Following her retirement from the insurance industry, Claudia and her husband Ron, owned and operated The Building Mall and New Product Source in the Branson area.

Claudia was very talented and enjoyed writing. Her published books include Higher Than Me, Melton Snow, She's a Lady, and I Thought You Had a Bigger Dream. She had recently traveled to Taiwan for research on her 5th book, a biography of missionaries. She was a woman of strong faith and attended

Faith Life Church in Branson. She enjoyed going to flea markets and antique shopping with her sisters. Claudia was very quick witted and had a great sense of humor. She was very loving, generous, and selfless and volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House. Above all else, Claudia loved her family and cherished all the time spent with them.

Claudia is survived by her husband, Ron Farrell; 3 children, Lona (Brian) Bremer, Amy Farrell, and Ronny (Carrie) Farrell; 6 grandchildren, Tanner, Dakota, Hunter, Calei, Hannah, and Gracelynn; 3 great grandchildren Zhara, Kaizyn, and Kianna, and 1 on the way, Kylea; siblings, Karen (Ron) Casper, Margaret Van Langen, Stephen (Ginny) Stewart, Debby (Bill) Conner, and Bess Powers, and sisters-in-law, Dottie Stewart and Kim Stewart.

Claudia is preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Elizabeth Stewart; and 2 brothers, Charlie and David Stewart.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 24, 2025, at the First Christian Church in Albia, IA, with Claudia's family present to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 24, 2025, at the First Christian Church in Albia, with Pastor John Sowers and Pastor Tony Krukow officiating. Burial will follow services at Osborn Cemetery in Monroe County.

An open memorial has been established to be determined at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Osborn Cemetery

Lovilia, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church
203 Washington Ave East
Albia, IA 52531

Funeral Service

JAN 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church
203 Washington Ave East
Albia, IA 52531

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Who would have thought that sharing an umbrella would lead to an amazing 47 year friendship. I will miss you every day my dear friend.

Joyce favrhow - January 24, 2025 at 01:52 PM

CL

“ Claudia was an amazing woman--many accomplishments but they were never emphasized by her. She was never negative or critical. She had a great appreciation of humor and a permanent pleasant smile that quickly escalated into laughter--together with Ron, some of my favorite friends to be around.

Curt Lawrence - January 24, 2025 at 10:34 AM

JP

“ Always a smile and a laugh, even at some of the most juvenile humor. A kind and welcoming soul. Always one to make you smile. Her presence will be missed and the memories of her cherished

Jonathan Poulson - January 23, 2025 at 10:47 PM

SS

“ Im thankful you created my best friend. I see you in her when she smiles. So glad I had the chance to meet you! You are loved and missed...



Stephanie Smith - January 23, 2025 at 09:30 PM

DC

“ Fly high dear friend! Such good times we had in school ! She was my bridesmaid when I married. We lost touch over the years. I did not know she had cancer. Glad she will be back home to rest. My condolences to her family. 🙏 Dianne

Dianne Cardenzana - January 22, 2025 at 12:58 AM

DF

“ David and Barbara Kell and family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Claudia Charlene (Stewart) Farrell.



David and Barbara Kell and family - January 21, 2025 at 11:10 AM

MR

“ Oh, dear friend, what memories we've made since we were girls! I will miss you so much, but I'll still have a giggle over remembering slumber parties, dancing the Watusi on your bed, the trrr grr double date, being my bridesmaid, connecting again after high school, telling me about Ron the first time, you committing yourself wholly to the Lord, editing a couple of your books, the Taiwan trip with the wetting monkey, finding your glass chicken, the giggle sessions that made Ron and George roll their eyes, your coming with your sisters to Orange City Tulip Time, and our last few times when we sat and talked about God's love manifested in healing; this time it wasn't here but it was in Heaven--and you're enjoying that healing even as I write! I am so very grateful that I got to see you one last time just last week. We are so sad here, but know that we will see you again "There" or in the air!
Love you, Mert (You were one of the couple of people that still called me that after 60+ years!)

Martha Rankin - January 20, 2025 at 01:33 PM

MR

“ Martha R. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Claudia Charlene (Stewart) Farrell.



Martha R. - January 20, 2025 at 08:01 AM

DF

“ Dornak Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Claudia Charlene (Stewart) Farrell.



Dornak Family - January 19, 2025 at 09:08 PM

JD

“ I'm thankful for having met Claudia. I worked with & for her for about 3-4 years and we had many good laughs. We worked in some small buildings so we talked a lot. But what Claudia and Ron did for me is get me back in a good spot with God. There is no way to ever repay Claudia or Ron for that. Im forever in their debt. I know I'll get to see her again one day soon enough. Because of her I can say that in full confidence.

Jason Dornak - January 19, 2025 at 09:03 PM

RP

“ Rebecca Prier purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Claudia Charlene (Stewart) Farrell.



Rebecca Prier - January 19, 2025 at 07:12 PM

RF

“ For 47 years we finished each other’s sentences, we never went anywhere that we could not take the other. If at early evening we found ourselves not together, we never saw a beautiful sunset without contacting the other to say “go LOOK!”

I held her hand last night until her internal clock slowly ran down until it could go no more. My best friend, and the love of my life slipped away ... and as much as I tried, I could not hang on!

But I look forward to the time we will see each other again. Without question she is the precise instrument of God that He utilized to show me what unconditional love is! I miss you baby, but I’ll see you soon!

ron farrell - January 19, 2025 at 04:43 PM

NG

Dear Ron, my heart hurt for you and myself. It has been several years since we have seen each other but true friends remain. I pray. God will carry you thru this time. He will make Himself strong to you. Claudia was like Jesus in the flesh, always there to help wherever she could. My heart hurt with you. The promise to be together gives us hope to go on. Love, Nancy

Nancy Goodwin - January 19, 2025 at 09:02 PM

LR

“ I still remember the dragonfly pot roast. It was one of the fondest memories of her

Larry Rumbo - January 18, 2025 at 10:01 PM

RS

“ Claudia and I roomed together years ago in Marshalltown. We had great times together and loved her dearly. So sorry. Can't make visitation or funeral. Prayers for her family.
—Robert and Martha

Robert & Martha Shepard Van Sickle - January 18, 2025 at 04:56 PM

SG

“ I knew Claudia for almost 30 years and loved her dearly. I reaped the the benefits of having her as a surrogate mom when Amy and I became best friends. She would step in and give me advice and support and love that a mother would a daughter. She will be missed so very much.
Shelley Cogan-Goodwin

Shelley Goodwin - January 18, 2025 at 11:40 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Claudia Charlene (Stewart) Farrell.



January 17, 2025 at 10:42 PM

CS

“ You will be so missed sweet cousin. I will always treasure our chats. Spread your wings and fly dear Claudia. Please give Larry hugs for me.

Carol Stewart - January 17, 2025 at 09:00 PM