



Gene Eileen Clark

November 13, 1944 - May 3, 2022

Gene Eileen Clark, age 77, of Albia IA, passed away on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at her home in Albia, surrounded by her loved ones and under the care of Care Initiatives Hospice.

Gene was born on November 13, 1944, in Moline, IL, to Thomas and Maxine (Bettis) Cosgrove. She grew up attending school and graduated from the Albia High School. On August 16, 1964, Gene was united in marriage to the love of her life, J.D. Clark, at the Methodist Church in Albia. To this union, 3 children were born, David John, Kristan, and Kandi. Gene and J.D. shared 57 years of marriage prior to her passing.

Gene was a hard worker, who in her younger years, worked as a waitress and worked at Hy-Vee. She and J.D. owned and operated J.D. Glass Company and later Albia Glass Company. She was very knowledgeable in the business and talented working alongside J.D., helping glaze and install glass. Gene also worked as a receptionist at the Monroe County Specialty Clinic and was a devoted mother and homemaker, raising her children.

Gene was a very caring and generous person. She had a great sense of humor, loved to laugh, and enjoyed getting together with the KnitWits. Gene loved her dogs, Macy Jo and Baron. Above all else, family was everything to Gene and she cherished all of the time spent with them, especially her

grandchildren and great grandchildren. She enjoyed attending their events and keeping up with their activities.

Gene is survived by her husband, J.D. Clark; 2 daughters, Kristan (Jeff) Stephens and Kandi Clark; 6 grandchildren, Cody (Lisa) Clark, Cassie Henderson, Bryan (Sam) Stephens, Adam (Bri) Stephens, Andy (Erin Heaton) Stephens, and Brenna Stephens; 3 great grandchildren, Kinsley, Presley, and Liam Henderson; and 2 siblings, Michael (Carol) Cosgrove and Deb Shehan. Gene is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

Gene was preceded in death by a son, David John Clark; her parents, Thomas and Maxine Cosgrove; siblings, Kay Douglas, Craig Cosgrove, Chris Cosgrove, and Karyn Forsythe; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2022, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Gene's family present from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. to greet family and friends.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 6, 2022, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Larry Bettis officiating. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

A memorial has been established to Care Initiatives Hospice in Albia or to the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Memorial Service

MAY 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gene Eileen Clark*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Gene Eileen Clark*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *I will always remember your smile, your laugh, your hugs and your huge heart.*

Rick Botts

Class of 1963

Rick Botts - May 05, 2022 at 08:17 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gene Eileen Clark.*



May 05, 2022 at 12:08 AM



“ *Donna Clark purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gene Eileen Clark.*



Donna Clark - May 04, 2022 at 05:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gene Eileen Clark.*



May 04, 2022 at 06:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gene Eileen Clark.*



May 03, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Oh how I loved this lady!!! She could brighten everyone's day with her smile and her taking the time to talk to everyone! She was so friendly!! Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers!!!*

Valerie Selby Small - May 03, 2022 at 02:49 PM



“ *Having known Genie most of my life, one trait of hers that stands out most in my memory is her beautiful smile...it was contagious! She was definitely a special person. The love she and JD shared with each other was evident to all.
After Genie's long struggle with health issues, may she be at peace now.
Our sympathies to JD and family.*

Patty & Tom Hannam

Patty & Tom Hannam - May 03, 2022 at 01:22 PM

JW

Being with out some people is just to hard to imagine...Genie was one of those people ☐ Her Spirit was magical and hers and JD Love story one of the most beautiful ever Witness💕 I feel so blessed to have been both of their friends! I truly believe love goes on💕💕

Judy White's - May 03, 2022 at 05:46 PM

JW

Heaven is Happier Place today Genie is there Love you guys. Judy and Tom

Judy White's - May 03, 2022 at 05:53 PM

LK

No one more fun to play golf with than Genie. She and JD could dance so well together. May you rest now dear one. My sincere sympathies and love to the Clark family. Lana Kaldenberg/Eells

Lana Kaldenberg/Eells - May 03, 2022 at 07:58 PM

LF

Genie and John have a special place in our hearts. Pam and I have known her and J.D. forever, here in Michigan. we were able to visit them several times over the years in Albia and Michigan. They were truly one fine couple. Incidentally, John and I are first cousins and shared 3 summers and 2 school years together in the early 50's. We did everything together from movies to bike rides to sports to Nickels Forest. Gene is in a better place now, God be with her. Love you guys.

Les Frampton - May 04, 2022 at 09:41 AM

JG

So sorry to hear of Genie's passing. I always remember her big smile whenever she would greet a person. Cherish the wonderful memories.

Johneta Goodwin - May 04, 2022 at 11:28 AM

SG

I am so so sorry to hear about Genie's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you, JD, and your family. I have such good memories of our time in high school when we were cheerleaders. Her enthusiasm and smile were contagious. I know she will be missed so much.

Susan Holzheimer Goromboly - May 04, 2022 at 07:40 PM