



## Janice Marie Hixson

February 23, 1937 - October 10, 2012

Janice Marie (Elwood) Hixson, age 75 of Melrose, passed away Wednesday, October 10, 2012, at Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

She was born February 23, 1937, in Buffalo Center, Iowa to Homer and Naomia (Berhow) Elwood. She married Kenneth Tjaden in 1952. They later divorced. She then married Richard Dean Hixson on September 22, 1973. He preceded her in death on May 6, 2003.

Janice grew up and attended school in Buffalo Center. In 1975, she and Richard moved to Melrose. She worked at DeLong's for 15 years, and was also a very hard worker at home.

Janice loved to garden and raise dogs. She also enjoyed playing games such as Bingo, Solitaire 500, Cribbage, and Soduko puzzles. She also liked spending time with her family, attending football and softball games, and the Monroe County Fair.

Janice is survived by five daughters, Marie Mahoney of Phoenix, Cindy (Larry) Sloan of Nevada, IA, Karen (Dennis) Oleberg of Clear Lake, Betty Jo (Gary) Burkhalter of Danforth, IL, and Patricia (special friend, Chet Varner) Kent of Albia; 15 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; two sisters, Elaine Wicks and Pat (Arlan) Thorson; and three brothers, Galen (Cindy) Elwood, Carroll

Elwood, and Keith (Peggy) Elwood. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Janice was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Richard; and two brothers, Arlan and Duane.

Per her wishes, Janice's body has been cremated.

Visitation will be 4-7 p.m., Friday, October 12, 2012, at the funeral home, with Janice's family present during that time.

Memorial services will be 7 p.m., Friday, October 12, 2012, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Rev. Gary Burkhalter officiating.

In lieu of flowers, an open memorial has been established.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Janice Marie Hixson*

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January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Janice Marie Hixson*

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January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *In memory I never got real close to my grandma and wish the family the best during hard times love and memorys shall last forever with love in our hearts and memorys to cherrish I will keep everyone in my prayers*

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**kevin sloan - Des Moines, IA - grandson** - October 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ So, where to start. I first met Mrs. Hixson in 2004 when I started bow hunting down in the area. I hunted her property and the property of many of her neighbors in the area. One thing I realized was how close her and her neighbors were to each other. They were all a close knit family. To me, that was something that I knew was rare; to see neighbors who were not only neighbors, but were a close knit family.

Over the last year, I have made several stops at Mrs. Hixsons house to just talk. She told me about her husband, about her daughters, and just about her life in general. She was a great person.

I'll miss ya Mrs. Hixson. RIP.

-Chris Dunkin

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Chris Dunkin - Harvey, IA - Friend - October 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM