



Janice Lee Lessin

April 9, 1953 - August 9, 2009

Janice Lee Lessin, age 56 of Albia died Sunday August 9, 2009 at her residence in Albia.

Janice was born in New Hampton on April 9, 1953 to Harold Raymond "H.R." and Ethel (Hobert) Lessin. Jan attended and graduated from Charles City High School, Class of 1971. After High school Jan went to the University of Iowa and graduated with a Teaching Degree in Music.

Jan worked her 30 plus years teaching career in Monroe County, Iowa. She retired in May of 2009. She was a volunteer for Hospice of Monroe County, she taught private music lessons at her piano studio she enjoyed quilting, her cats, playing in Woody's Big Band and vacationing in Grand Marais, Minnesota. Janice was a accomplished musician, vocalist, and harpist.

Janice was preceded in death by her parents, and several infant siblings.

Janice is survived by one brother, Byron Lessin and his wife Pam of Charles City, Iowa; her aunt, Lurnetta Van Heuvelen of Charles City; one niece, Sara Lessin; one nephew, Tony Lessin and many cousins.

Tribute Wall



“ *Janice Lee Lessin*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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“ *As close friends of Byron, Pam and family, we also included their family among our friends. We last visited with Janice at Sara's house warming and enjoyed good conversation and saw the beautiful quilt Janice made for Sara. We do believe she was a special lady. She will be missed.*

Keith and Deb Bauer - August 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our sympathies to Jan's family and to her close friends from Albia. We are grateful for the music she shared and taught our children; music that will live with them the rest of their lives. She left a wonderful legacy, Jan Lessin. In Appreciation.*

Brian and Sherry Fitzpatrick - August 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sympathy to Byron, Pam, Sara, and Tony and the rest of your family. You are in my prayers.*

Shirley Wygle - August 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I was very sad to hear of Miss Lessin's passing. She was very devoted to her students and worked quite hard to ensure we reached our full potential.

Deeanna (Williams) Smith - August 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ We wish to extend our sympathy to you Byron, Pam, Sara, and Tony. Jan was such an important part of the Albia community and will be missed by so many people in so many different ways. We had the pleasure to teach with Jan for over 20 years and had so many musical connections with her from the time we owned the theater and through all of the follies. You could always count on Jan. She cared about Albia and has made a lasting impact on this community that will continue for years to come in her students, fellow teachers, and friends. We will miss her so very much. I, Diana, had many wonderful visits with Jan as a colleague and friend. She spoke of you often, with love.

Diana and Dan Walker - August 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I first met Jan when I was a new instructor at Indian Hills Community College 24 years ago. She was studying violin and harp with Sister St. John, and we became good friends. She has been a good friend of my entire family, and was an extremely influential teacher for our son Dane, who is now a professional oboist. He also remained close to Jan, often visiting her when he was home from school, and they would share musical ideas and "reed talk" which only another oboist would understand/enjoy. I shall miss Jan's hearty laugh, the tales (tails?) of her many cats, and I will cherish the many years of friendship. She was a generous and kind lady, and the world is a better place because of her many contributions to it.

Michael Philipson - August 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ My sympathies are extended to Jan's family and the many students who experienced her talented teaching. Jan was my classmate at U Iowa. Albia was very fortunate to have such a kind and gifted individual in the community for so many years. Her memory and the music will continue to be heard through those she taught over the years. Jean Weber and family

Jean (Anderson) Weber - August 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ My sympathy to Byron and family. I graduated with Janice and spent many hours on the marching field getting it "just right" for Mr. Gower! I saw her different times when she would come back to CC as she would come to church with Aunt Lournetta.

Carol Westergard Brahn - August 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I extend my sympathy to you, Byron and Pam. Although I got to know Janice at the time of your parents' deaths, I remember her more so from the many times she would come to Charles City during the summer and play in the Municipal Band. Anytime I met someone from Albia (Mt. Pleasant plays Albia in some sports), I would ask them if they knew Janice. Again, I extend my sympathy to you on behalf of Linda, the kids and myself.

Mark Kimzey - August 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ I just want to say how sad I am to hear of Miss Lessin's passing. She was a wonderful music teacher and I know my 7 yr old daughter had so much fun in music class. She was always teaching me a new song that they did. Miss Lessin you are a great asset to the Albia Schools and you will be greatly missed by all. Annie "Murphy" Prescott

Annie "Murphy" Prescott - August 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I was so sorry to hear of Miss Lessin's death. I was a long-time student of hers. Her incalculable patience was only surpassed by her amazing talents as a musician and teacher. We were so blessed to have her in Albia for so long. Thank you for all the beautiful music.

Carrie (Morris) Mulvihill - August 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ Jan was a very talented lady. She made beautiful music and many beautiful quilts. she taught many children to play instruments and to sing and that part of her will live on in her many students. my prayers are with you

vivian lawrence - August 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM