



Joyce Ann Schelker

February 5, 1938 - March 25, 2024

Joyce Ann Schelker, age 86, of Albia, IA, passed away on Monday, March 25, 2024, at her home, surrounded by her 3 sons and their care, and Care Initiatives Hospice.

Joyce was born on February 5, 1938, at home on the farm in Watson, AR, to Robert and Neatie (Suratt) Sirratt. She grew up attending school and graduated from Deshay Central High School in Arkansas with the class of 1954. In 1955, Joyce was united in marriage to Robert Schelker in Greenville, MS. Robert served his country in the United States Air Force for 25 years, which led their family to relocate every 3-4 years to places such as Mississippi, Kansas City, Louisiana, Germany, and Spain. Joyce and Robert shared 46 years of marriage prior to his passing in 2001.

Joyce worked at Chamberlains in Albia before going to work at DeLongs. She was also a nurse's aide but her favorite job was raising her children and grandchildren. In her younger years, she enjoyed bowling and square dancing. Joyce had a generous heart and enjoyed volunteering her time at the Helping Hands. She was a talented seamstress and loved to quilt, making numerous quilts over the years for her family and friends. Above all else, Joyce loved her family and her dog, Cosmo.

Joyce is survived by 3 sons, William "Gene" (Christy) Schelker, Charles

(Tammy) Schelker, and Rob Schelker; 6 grandchildren, Darcy, Morgan, Renee, Denise, Katie, and Eric; 7 great grandchildren; a sister, Katherine (Clem) Volpert; and a brother-in-law, Carol (Dee) Schelker. Joyce is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Joyce is preceded in death by her husband, Robert; a daughter, Ellen Ford; her parents, Robert and Neatie Sirratt; 3 sisters, Ruth, Lagatha, and Pearl; 4 brothers, Dewey, Kenneth, Dale, and Peck; and her good friend, Lillian Belzer.

Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2024, at the Keokuk National Cemetery in Keokuk, IA, with Pastor John Sowers officiating.

A memorial has been established to the Albia Public Library.

Cemetery Details

Keokuk National Cemetery

1701 J St.
Keokuk, IA 52632

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 29. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“Joyce was a good friend to my mother Lillian Pope up until my mom passed away from cancer. Joyce made a real difference in my mother life for which I remain eternally grateful. Joyce was truly a good person. The world was a better place with her in it.

David Pope - March 28, 2024 at 02:46 AM

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David, thanks for the kind words. Mom often spoke about her friendship with "Miss" Lillian.

Charles Schelker - March 28, 2024 at 04:59 PM

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“Granny, God has made you an Angel. Fly high above protecting us all. You will be missed. I Love you

Darcy - March 26, 2024 at 12:23 PM