



Lynne Annette Peterson

May 14, 1950 - February 5, 2025

Lynne Annette (Hester) Peterson, age 74, formerly of Albia and Indianola, IA currently of Ames, IA passed away on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames, IA.

Lynne was born on May 14, 1950, in Pleasantville, IA, to Howard Jesse and Mary Elizabeth (Hollingsworth) Hester. Lynne grew up attending school in Pleasantville and Boone High School in Boone, Iowa where she graduated in 1968. Lynne later took continuing education classes from Iowa State University where she studied food service and nutrition management. On July 17, 1976, she was united in marriage to Michael "Mike" Robert Peterson at the Methodist Church in Boone and to this union, 2 daughters, Stephanie and Amy, were born. Lynne and Mike shared nearly 44 years of marriage prior to Mike's passing on July 11, 2020.

While in high school, Lynne worked as a waitress and car-hop at Johnny's Drive-In, the family restaurant. She was also an exceptional typist and following high school, was hired by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), working in files and communications in Washington D.C. for over 2 years. Lynne then returned to Boone, working at the Elks Club in Ames and the Boone County Club where Lynne was an exceptional and often requested waitress. In her mid-20's, Lynne moved to go to work at Shorty's Restaurant in Pleasantville, Iowa where she met Mike. They moved to Albia, IA, (Mike's

hometown) where they raised their girls in the house he grew up in. Lynne worked for Albia Schools for 12 years as a middle school cook and kitchen manager and then at Ragtime Industries, managing the kitchen there for 8 years. In 1998, they moved to Indianola where Lynne worked for the Indianola School system for several years as a kitchen cook and manager at the Middle school.

Lynne was a member of the First Christian Church in Albia, where she was very active, teaching Sunday School and serving as an Elder. She also drove the church van to pick people up for church and took communion to those who were shut in. In her younger years, Lynne was a talented golfer, enjoying Women's League with her daughter, Amy and was also a great bowler. Lynne enjoyed attending her children's sporting and vocal events and was the scorekeeper when Mike managed the girls' softball team. Lynne loved to read, especially James Patterson and also loved the Harry Potter series. Lynne enjoyed drawing and doing cross stitch. She was quite the artist and loved drawing birds and other wildlife. She was also an excellent cook and was able to duplicate any food or meal after tasting it. She was known for her "Lynniechangas", (her take on chimichanga's) and many other great dishes. Lynne had a great sense-of-humor and loved to laugh with others. In her words, "Only the shell remains, the nut is gone."

Lynne is survived by her children, Stephanie Clark and Amy Peterson; her 3 grandchildren, Micheala Clark, Jamie Lynne Clark, and Jesse Paul Peterson; and siblings, Kevin Hester, Kalen (Scott) Petersen, and Brad (Cindy) O'Neal; stepbrother Ron (Stephanie) O'Neal, stepsisters Faye Scribner and Ruth Fridlington; her nieces and nephews, Dillon Hester, Shelby (Grant) Purcell, Sean (Megan) O'Neal, Hannah (Zack) McCoy, Lisa (Steve) Burianek, and Ben (Maddy) O'Neal along with several step nieces and nephews. Lynne is also survived by many great nieces and nephews, cousins and good friends.

Lynne is preceded in death by her husband, Mike; her parents, Howard (Marj) Hester and Mary (Leonard) O'Neal, a stepsister Debbie Danielson; and a stepbrother, Bob O'Neal.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 20, 2025, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Lynne's family present to greet family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 20, 2025, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Walt Claussen officiating. A private family burial will be held at Oak View Cemetery at a later date.

A memorial has been established to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
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Albia, IA 52531
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<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lynne with her sister and brothers, and at the piano with my brother Steve.* ”



Robert Hollingsworth - June 18, 2025 at 02:02 PM

BH

“ *Bobby Hollingsworth purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lynne Annette Peterson.* ”



Bobby Hollingsworth - June 18, 2025 at 01:55 PM

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“ *Bobby Hollingsworth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lynne Annette Peterson.* ”

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JF

“ *Jason Campbell & Campbell Homes Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Lynne Annette Peterson.* ”



Jason Campbell & Campbell Homes Family - June 13, 2025 at 01:23 PM

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VF

“ Velma Furlin lit a candle in memory of Lynne Annette Peterson



Velma Furlin - February 07, 2025 at 04:16 PM

TD

“ Lynnies Pooh is what my daughters called this loving, kind lady...you will be missed!!! ❤️ Love Always!

Terry Dannatt - February 07, 2025 at 01:41 PM

CD

“ Stephanie, I'm thinking of you. Lynne was so kind at Stephanie's sleepovers! She made the best food, a quick wit that made you belly laugh and always made you feel at home with that smile. I'll remember her fondly.

Catherine Derby - February 06, 2025 at 09:52 PM

LJ

“ Lynns daughter Stephanie and my daughter Angie were childhood friends. She Lynn had broken her leg, I helped her with laundry. She always has a good sense of humor. And was a great cook. I had some of her chili. She was a very nice person

Linda Johnson - February 06, 2025 at 09:04 PM

AJ

Mom..Lynne had brought up you helping her several times in recent years..it was a good memory for her.

angie johnson - February 06, 2025 at 09:16 PM

AT

“ *Lynne was one of the funniest humans on the planet! Even as a kid I remember her being hilarious. Always fun-loving and kind. May her family feel peace and comfort knowing she lived a good life.*

Annie Tharp - February 06, 2025 at 09:01 PM

VS

“ *Always loved visiting with Lynn whenever I saw her! She could always make you laugh!!! Keeping all the family in my thoughts and prayers!*

Valerie Selby Small - February 06, 2025 at 04:53 PM

PS

“ *Oh what fun we had working together at Ragtime Industries! Lynn was always smiling and had a joke to tell. She was a wonderful cook and could whip up the best meals for us no matter what she had to work with. Praying for Steoh and Amy and all her grandkids that she adored. We'll rejoice together again in Heaven. Love you, Lynn* ❤️

Pam Selby - February 06, 2025 at 03:49 PM

MF

Jamie Lynn ...I am so very sorry to hear about your grandmother. She always had a smile when we worked at school. Sincere sympathy to all of your family

Mary Ann Freshwater - February 06, 2025 at 08:05 PM