



## Sue Ellen Henderson

October 26, 1956 - November 6, 2024

Sue Ellen Henderson, 68, of Albia, Iowa, passed away on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, as the result of injuries sustained in a pedestrian accident. She passed away at Des Moines Methodist Hospital surrounded by her sister and children.

She graduated from Iowa State University where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in animal science and later a Master's Degree in agriculture. For 19 years she farmed and helped with the Delaney Ranch 500-head cow-calf operation. She then transitioned to Iowa State University Extension County and Regional Director where she had a decorative career for 28 years. There, she raised 1.5M in grants with \$500,000 serving Monroe County. She developed numerous programs including Master Gardeners, Annie's Program, Pick a Better Snack, the communal garden, Helping Hands and NEST (which supported women pregnant or with children under five years of age.)

Her greatest passion was spending time with her children and grandchildren (better known as Grannie Sue to them). They brought her so much joy. Even after retirement, she couldn't sit still for too long. She loved spending time in her garden and man could she bake! She continued to be very involved in the community from substitute teaching at Albia High School or volunteering at St. Mary's church or the Helping Hands Center. She undoubtedly will be remembered for her giving and caring spirit.

She is survived by her 11 children: her 4 daughters, Jenn (Nick) Price, Laura (Chris) Delaney, Samantha (Dustin) Ostrander, and Salina (Tyson) Spaeth; her 7 sons, Josh Delaney, Pete Delaney, Charlie Delaney, Preston Henderson, Brandon (Meghan) Henderson, Andrew (Briana) Henderson, and Austin Henderson; and 14 grandchildren, Tristan (17), Aiden (15), Micah (12), Presley (8), Abyl (8), Rylan (7), Maya (6), Maddie (6), Xavier (4), Cal (4), Ryley (3), Ella (3), Wrenley (2), and Kaesyn (1). She is also survived by her partner, Craig Noring of West Liberty; her sister Marilyn Gehrman of Minnesota and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, Lowell and Ann and 2 sisters, Margaret Smalling and Bev Nelson.

Sue's "Remembrance Gathering" will take place at the Albia Country Club located at 300 North Country Club Lane in Albia on Friday, November 15, 2024, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. We ask you to please stop by and share your greatest memory of mom.

In lieu of flowers, we ask you to donate to Monroe County Helping Hands in her name (P.O. Box 193, Albia, IA 52531). We couldn't think of a better way to honor her legacy than by helping others and spreading kindness.

# Previous Events

## Remembrance Gathering

NOV **15**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Albia Golf  
300 N Country Club Road  
Albia, IA 52531

# Tribute Wall

CF

“ Carrie and Bill Ohlson and family purchased the *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* for the family of Sue Ellen Henderson.



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**Carrie and Bill Ohlson and family** - November 14, 2024 at 04:57 PM

TF

“ The Bendingers Family & Myers Family purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Sue Ellen Henderson.



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**The Bendingers Family & Myers Family** - November 14, 2024 at 01:13 PM

JF

“ Julie Foreman purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Sue Ellen Henderson.



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**Julie Foreman** - November 14, 2024 at 11:46 AM

JF

“ Julie Foreman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sue Ellen Henderson.

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**Julie Foreman** - November 14, 2024 at 11:46 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Sue Ellen Henderson.*



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November 13, 2024 at 11:35 AM



“ *Love, Your New Heights Church Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Sue Ellen Henderson.*



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**Love, Your New Heights Church Family** - November 13, 2024 at 10:51 AM



“ *Love, Your New Heights Church Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sue Ellen Henderson.*

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**Love, Your New Heights Church Family** - November 13, 2024 at 10:51 AM



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November 12, 2024 at 10:26 PM

LF

“ Love, The VanStraaten Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Sue Ellen Henderson.



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**Love, The VanStraaten Family** - November 12, 2024 at 09:43 PM

LF

“ Love, The VanStraaten Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sue Ellen Henderson.

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**Love, The VanStraaten Family** - November 12, 2024 at 09:43 PM

EJ

“ Peter,

*I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you need anything.*

*Elliott*

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**Elliott Johnson** - November 12, 2024 at 05:44 PM

CM

“ CMAB purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Sue Ellen Henderson.



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**CMAB** - November 12, 2024 at 02:00 PM

CH

“ Peter,

*We are deeply saddened to learn of the loss of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Please know that you have the support of your team here at the Notification Branch. If there is anything we can do to help, please do not hesitate to reach out.*

*Sincerely,  
Notification Branch Team*

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**Chris** - November 12, 2024 at 01:16 PM

MS

“ Molly S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sue Ellen Henderson.

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**Molly S.** - November 12, 2024 at 11:24 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Sue Ellen Henderson.



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November 11, 2024 at 08:25 PM

TT

“ *The Health Advocates Network team purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Sue Ellen Henderson.*



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**The Health Advocates Network team** - November 11, 2024 at 06:56 PM

ST

“ *As an Extension Council member, I got to work with Sue many times. She was always a friendly and caring person we all will remember. My condolences to her family, may you always keep her cherished memories alive. 🙏*



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**Steve** - November 11, 2024 at 05:42 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sue Ellen Henderson.*



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November 10, 2024 at 02:30 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sue Ellen Henderson.*

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November 10, 2024 at 02:30 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sue Ellen Henderson.*



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November 10, 2024 at 12:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sue Ellen Henderson.

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November 10, 2024 at 12:25 PM



“ *Sue was a wonderful person and a wonderful friend. We worked together for many years as ISU Extension staff members. I was always impressed with her sharing spirit, her tremendous knowledge, and her gift of knowing how to help everyone, no matter how difficult the problem. I am so sorry for your loss. I pray that your many loving memories of Sue will bring you comfort and peace as you face the days ahead.*

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**Irma Williams** - November 09, 2024 at 09:44 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Sue Ellen Henderson.*



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November 09, 2024 at 09:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sue Ellen Henderson.

November 09, 2024 at 09:23 PM



“ I remember always being excited when Sue came out to Melrose school to art activities with us. I don't know if she only did this with her children's classes or every class in Melrose. But it was always a special treat for me when she came. Thinking and sending prayers to Sue's family especially her children.

**Amanda Toopes** - November 09, 2024 at 04:54 PM



“ Nell Gates planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sue Ellen Henderson.

**Nell Gates** - November 09, 2024 at 10:51 AM



“ Sue was a sorority sister at Iowa State and a woman I admired for her energy and strength of spirit. She had enormous talent and was always so willing to share. God bless.

**Melanie Waldon** - November 09, 2024 at 06:11 AM



“ I met Sue years ago and we were foster parents at the same time. I admired her for her love of children. We used to get our kids together for activities. Sue was the kindest and most caring lady. She was always willing to help others. She was a blessing to all she came in contact with. She will be missed!!! Loved her!!!

**Valerie Selby Small** - November 08, 2024 at 07:07 PM

CA

“ *Caren lit a candle in memory of Sue Ellen Henderson*



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**Caren** - November 08, 2024 at 05:15 PM

AW

“ *Sue will be missed by so many. She was a giver of time, talent and wisdom. I'm fortunate to have worked with her and to have learned from her.*

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**Andrea Welchans** - November 08, 2024 at 05:09 PM

BK

“ *This breaks my heart. Sue was a dear, dear friend...we met for lunch often and I enjoyed and cherished our friendship. Dearest Friend, may God's eternal light shine upon you. You are in my prayers.*

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**Barbara Kistler** - November 08, 2024 at 03:26 PM